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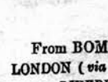

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The Banks grants accommodation on terms to be arranged against approved security.

The Bank undertakes on behalf of its Constituents the safe custody of Shares and Securities and the collection of dividends and interest thereon: they also undertake the sale and purchase of Government Paper and all description of Stocks at moderate charges, particulars of which may be had on application.

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FIXED DEPOSITS.—The Bank receives DEPOSITS FIXED for one year and shorter periods, at Rates of Interest to be ascertained on application.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

BOMBAY, 18TH JANUARY, 1908

To

DWARKADAS DHARAMSEY, Esq.,
Sheriff of Bombay,
BOMBAY.

SIR,

WE, the undersigned Citizens of Bombay, have the honour to request you to convene a PUBLIC MEETING of the INHABITANTS of this City, in the TOWN HALL, on an early day, to consider the question of the treatment of HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY'S INDIAN SUBJECTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, and to give expression to the strong feeling prevalent throughout the whole country in regard to it.

We remain,

Yours truly,

Aga Khan.
Dadabhai Naoroji.
Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy.
C. H. Armstrong.
W. D. Sheppard.
Jehanghir C. Jehanghir.
Hurkisondas Narotumdas.
Sassoon J. David.
E. J. Tata.
Goculdas Kandas Parekh.
Chimanlal H. Setalvad.
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Hajibhoy Lalji.
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Sadasiv Shankar Wagh.
Ramdas W. Desai.
Sorabji Pallonji.
A. J. Billimoria.

IN accordance with the ABOVE REQUISITION, I hereby CALL a PUBLIC MEETING of the INHABITANTS of BOMBAY, in the TOWN HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th January, 1908, at 5 p.m. (S.T.).

DWARKADAS DHARAMSEY,
Sheriff of Bombay.

BOMBAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1908.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

TENDERS FOR LUBRICATING OILS.

THE AGENT is prepared to receive Tenders at his Office, opposite the Church Gate Station, Bombay, upto 1 P.M., on MONDAY, the 27th Instant, for the SUPPLY of the following kinds of LUBRICATING OILS, to this Railway, for one year, commencing from 1st February, 1908.

1. Oil for Valves and Cylinders—Estimated quantity = 80 Tons.
2. Coach Oil for Axle Boxes—Estimated quantity = 120 Tons.

2. Tenders must be made out on the Company's authorised form which can be had on application to the Undersigned at his Office, on payment of Annas 8 for each copy.

3. Tenders must be sealed and superscribed "Tender for Lubricating Oils."

4. The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

W. P. JOHNSON,
Loco. and Carriage Superintendent.

PAREL WORKS,
18TH JANUARY, 1908.

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE.

CHEAP RETURN TICKETS FOR ARTHOTHAYA PUNNIYAKALAM FEAST AT DANUSHKOTI IN THE ISLAND OF RAMESWARAM, ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 1908.

CHEAP 2nd and 3rd Class RETURN TICKETS will be issued at all Stations on the South Indian Railway, 75 miles and more distant from Rameswaram at single fare and one half for the double journey to Rameswaram for Passengers visiting Danushkoti in the Island of Rameswaram during the Arthothaya Punniyakalam Feast to be held on 2nd February, 1908.

The Return tickets at reduced fares will be issued from 20th January, 1908 to 1st February, 1908 (both days inclusive) and will be available for return journey up to and inclusive of 15th February, 1908.

If used for the Return Journey after the 15th February, 1908, the difference between the reduced and Ordinary Fares will be levied.

Reserved accommodation will not be provided for concession ticket holders.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS in duplicate for COALING His Majesty's Ships at Bombay, for 12 months from the 1st April, 1908, will be received by the ASSISTANT PAYMASTER IN CHARGE Royal Naval Depot, Bombay, up to NOON, on the 10th February, 1908. Tenders to be superscribed "Tender for Coaling H. M. Ships."

SEALED TENDERS in duplicate for PURCHASE of EMPTY CASKS, from the Admiralty Victualling Depot at Bombay for 12 months from the 1st April, 1908, will be received by the ASSISTANT PAYMASTER IN CHARGE, Royal Naval Depot, Bombay, up to NOON, on the 10th February, 1908. Tenders to be superscribed "Tender for Purchase of Empty Casks."

SEALED TENDERS in duplicate for the SUPPLY of LIGHTERS, STEAMBOATS and COOLIES to the NAVAL ORDNANCE DEPOT, at Bombay, for 12 months from the 1st April 1908 will be received by the ASSISTANT PAYMASTER IN CHARGE Royal Naval Depot, Bombay, up to NOON, on the 10th February, 1908. Tenders to be superscribed "Tender for Supply of Lighters, etc., to N. O. Depot."

In any of the above the Commander-in-Chief does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender. Tender forms can be obtained at this office.

G. B. OSBORNE,
Assistant Paymaster in Charge,
Royal Naval Depot, Bombay;

20th JANUARY, 1908.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO, per HANSA Line Steamer "SCHWARZENFELS," from ANTWERP, are hereby informed of the arrival of the Steamer, and requested to take immediate delivery of their goods landed at the Victoria Dock.

The Company's SURVEYOR will attend every morning to Survey Damages, and all Claims in this respect must be preferred to the Undersigned within Seven days from the date of discharge, and Bills should be presented for payment within one month from the Steamer's arrival, otherwise they will not be entertained. No Surveys will be granted on goods removed from the Landing Shed.

Unless Consignees of CARGO IN BAGS prefer their Claims for Damage or Shortage within three days after the discharge of their respective goods, no Survey will be granted.

GLADE & Co.,
Agents, Hansa Line of Steamers.

Bombay, 23rd January, 1908.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Iron and Steel, ARRIVED per HANSA LINE s. s. "LOWENBURG," — No. 10 Shed, Victoria Dock, are hereby informed that their Consignments *ex* above Vessel, are ready for delivery.

E. Y. WATSON,
Superintendent,
Port Trust Docks.

Dated 24th January, 1908.

THE STREE BODHE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS JUBILEE.

PROGRAMME OF FESTIVITIES.

SATURDAY, 1st February.—Entertainment to School-children at the Town Hall. (Invitations).

MONDAY, 3rd February.—Lecture by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice F. C. O. Beaman, (Public).
SUBJECT :—"Position of Woman in Civilized Society."

THURSDAY, 6th February.—Lecture by Samshul Ulma, Erwad J. J. Mody, B. A. (Public).
SUBJECT :—"Emancipation of Women."

MONDAY, 10th February.—Addresses by Ladies (Public).
Lady J. C. Jehangir.
Mrs. Ali Akbar.
Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.
Mrs. Herlekar.
Miss Fyzee.

PRESIDENT.—Mrs. Muir-Mackenzie.

THURSDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY,—Social Gathering at the Town Hall.—9-30 p. m.

MILO LIMERICK COMPETITION.

LIST OF THE WINNERS OF THE WATCH PRIZES.

1. Mr. C. V. Dover, 6 Park Lane, Calcutta.
"Unequalled for children, its merits have spread."
2. Mr. Lewis H. Robin, c/o R. Norton & Co. Ambala Cant.
"On this food my two children are fed."
3. J. Baird Smith, 4 Commercial Buildings, Calcutta.
"Of all foods it's a long way ahead."
4. Mr. M. Kees, 2 Grant's Buildings, Lower Colaba, Bombay.
"On it from three months I've been fed."
5. Mary Glazier, c/o Dr. Underwood, Florence House, Apollo Bunder, B'b.
"It has always stood me good stead."
6. Mr. I. C. Bose, 255 Grand Trunk Road, Howrah.
"On this young India should be fed."
7. Mr. E. G. Bert, P. O. Box 89, Calcutta.
"So use none other instead."
8. Miss Dorothy Ashley Emile, Hardoi, Oudh.
"On which it is good to be fed."
9. Margaret Helena Nelson, above Post Office, Mazagaon.
"For no other would do in its stead."
10. James O'Brien, Traffic Office, Gorakhpur, U. P.
"Infants an' Invalids on it should be fed."
11. Mrs. J. C. H. Morley, 3 Lansdown Road, Ballygunj.
"All athletes on it have been fed."
12. Geo. D'Bras, 15 Motilal Street, Calcutta.
"So on it let all Indians be fed."
13. R. E. Whittenbury, 82 South Road, Entally, Calcutta.
"The weak are made strong, when on it fed."
14. Alice Fido, 8 Grant Buildings, Lower Colaba, Bombay.
"And with it the world should be fed."
15. W. B. Carr, 46 Wellesley Street, Calcutta.
"So take it and be not misled."
16. S. Needham, Jamurki P. O. Dist. Mymensingh.
"It would almost give life to the dead."
17. A. R. Tucker, Imperial Secretariat Buildings, Govt. Palace, West.
"It's brain muscle and bone united."
18. Miss. M. Mumford, Canning Town, 24 Pergannahs.
"By other brands don't be misled."
19. G. S. Edwin, c/o H. Farmer Mall Cawnpore.
"Makes strong bones, sound flesh and cheeks rosy red."
20. Mrs. A. Holgreutte 8'a Church Road, Howrah.
"Of its merits the wide world has read."
21. Mrs. Jones, 7 May Road, Hastings.
"And no other will do in its stead."
22. Mrs. John Cope, Empress Mill, De Lisle Rd., Jacob Circle Bombay.
"For it keeps one well nourished and fed."
23. E. B. Owen, Calcutta, Gate Fort William.
"Its fame O'er the wide world has spread."
24. Mrs. C. Hutchison, 6 King's Road, Howrah.
"Tis a Saviour to Invalids and Infants hand-fed."
25. Dr. Emma Underwood, Khatau Mansions No. 1. Wellington Lines, Bombay.
"For all other foods it has led."
26. O. Sutton, G. I. P. Ry., Muttra Junction.
"And should reign in every homestead."
27. Mrs. W. J. Bryning, 11 Kyd Street. Calcutta.
"Its fame the world over has spread."
28. R. M. Chatterji, 9 Roy Bagan Street, Calcutta."
"So refuse all other use Milo instead."
29. I. C. C. Wood, care of Traffic Manager, B.B.C.I. Ry., Bombay.
"So buy some, get strong and well fed."
30. Sergt. A. Jacks, Supply and Transport Corps, Divisional Store Dept., Lucknow.
"So why not on this let baby be fed?"
31. Miss Victoria de Vine, c/o Dr. W. Jeddo, Grant Rd., Bombay.
"Be wise and take no other instead."
32. R Lazar, c/o Asst Traffic Manager, E.I.Ry, Allahabad.
"And that's the only food on which I've been fed."
33. Yeshavant, c/o Prof M. K. Dandekar. 303, Bow Bazaar, Calcutta.
"For health and strength It is on the mart ahead."
34. Mrs Hamilton, B. N. Ry, Kanragpore.
"Paramount for Infants to be fed."
35. Mrs O. M. P. Clyno, 26 Alexandra Terrace, Byculla, Bombay.
"And on no other should mankind be fed."
36. Mr. Robt. Manaughton. Easdon's Bldgs Jacob's Circle, Bombay.
"I'll therefore have no other instead."
37. Mrs. C. Bruse, Hathgore, Durrant, Assam.
"I'd left Hathis, if with more I'd been fed."
38. S. Gholam Ali, 50 Medlead Street, Calcutta.
"Which makes babies as heavy as lead"
39. Chandi Charan Mukerji, 6 Sikdarpara Rd. Kalighat, Calcutta.
"A truly healthful food—the most nutritious of bread."
40. L. M. Hunt, No. 11 Bungalow, Dacca E. B. S. Ry.
"For proof just look at our Ted."
41. J. S. Farrell, Chief Engineer's Department, Calcutta Corporation.
"One's more ex-on'd when Milo'd instead.
42. Mrs. Claudine Sharples, c/o Dr. R. Sharpless Campbell Hospital, Seal.
"So by other "Ads" don't be misled,"
43. C. E. Green c/o H. E. Daddo, Grant Road. Bombay.
"Such praise of no other food I've read."
44. F. N. Poghdiwala, Bazaar Gate, Bombay.
"It makes infants as heavy as lead."
45. W. Morgan. 13 Traffic Quarters, Narcul langa, Calcutta.
"So give it to babies without dread."
46. W. J. White, Asst. Station Master, E. B. S. Ry, Sealdah.
"And Unequalled for Infants and Invalids hand-fed.
47. B. Henry, 34 Dhurrumtolla.
"To restore strength though almost dead."
48. D. V. Desai, c/o A. H. Wesler & Co., Hornby Road, Bombay.
"Else such a feat would feel one dead."
49. D. O. Sullivan, 25 Free School-street, Calcutta,
"Nothing else can be used in its stead."
50. Miss I. Serras, 5 Royd-street, Calcutta.
"So strengthening and easily digested."
51. Miss Emily Judge, 72-4 Corporation Street, Calcutta.
"And a man like me can't be misled."
52. Mrs. Young, Azamgarh, U. P.
"Babies thrive on it, sick folks leave their bed."
53. Miss Hazel Gasper. 57 Bow Bazaar Street, Calcutta.
"Drop Sandow, take Milo instead."
54. Dr. P. E. Fonseca, Eussup Building, No. 2 Kalbadevi, Bombay.
"With which Infants and Invalids must be fed."
55. W. H. Steel, 28 Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay.
"Buy Milo take naught instead."
56. G. Elder Brown, Apollo Hotel, Apollo Bunder, Bombay,
"On which all infants should be fed."
57. H. O. Agacy 9 Royal Street, Calcutta.
"And it bears a reputation widespread."

"Each one of the above competitors is the winner of a watch. The judges have tried their best to award 100 prizes as advertised but they regret very much that they found it impossible to choose any further lines as none of the others were in any way deserving."

PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *January 22.*] [BOMBAY, *January 23.*

FINANCIAL.

		Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent.	Consols ...	84 5/8	1/4	
2½ do.	Rentes	95 3/4	1/4	
3½ do.	Sterling Loan ...	100	1/4	
3½ do.	Govt. Securities ...	83 9/16		un chgd
Bar Silver in London	...	25 9/16		un chgd
Do.	do. 2 months' hence	25 3/4		un chgd
Do.	in New York ...	55 1/2		un chgd
Exchange on London at Paris	...	25·17 1/2	1/2	
Do.	do. do. Berlin.	20·49 1/2		un chgd
Do.	do. do. New York.	4 86 7/8	1/8	
Discount Bank of England Rate.		5	since 16inst	
Do.	Short London Bills, 3 months' sight	3 7/8		un chgd
Do.	Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' s'ght	3 5/8		un chgd
Do	3 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	4 5/8		un chgd
Do.	6 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	4 5/8		un chgd
Interest Day-to-day	Loans ...	3 1/2	1/4	
Do. 7-day	Market Loans	3 3/4		un chgd

Amount paid into the Bank of England, £200,000

Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate) 1s. 3 25/32d. unchgd.

Council Bills:—

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills on India to-day for Rs. 75,00,000.

Rs. 31,20,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
" 11,40,000 were allotted to Bombay.
" 7,20,000 were allotted to Madras.

Rs. 51,80,000 at 1s. 3 29/32d.

Average rate of allotment, Calcutta and Bombay 15·91.

TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFERS:—

Rs. 19,50,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
Rs. 3,70,000 were allotted to Bombay.
Rs. ..... were allotted to Madras.

Rs. 23,20,000 at 1s. 3 15/16d.

Average rate of allotment Calcutta and Bombay 15·94

Total amount of Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday evening, including last Public Sales ... ... Rs. 60,00,000

Amount to be allotted next week ... Rs. 70,00,000

COTTON.

Liverpool:—

Spots	Fair business.	
Futures	Quiet but steady.	
East Indian	Dull.	
Manchester	Firm.	
Total Sales	10,000	
Sold on Speculation and for Export	500	
Imports	9,000	
Mid-Americans	...6·51—12	
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown ...	...9·11 16unchg	

Future Delivery Prices:—

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June.
6·07 —01	6·07 —01	6·08 —01	6·07 —01	6·07 —01

June-July	July-Aug	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.
6·05 —01	6·00 —03	5·89 —02	5·74 —01

New York:—

Receipts at U. S. Ports ... 38,000 bales
Do. do. last year... 47,000 "
Exports to Great Britain ... 4,000 "
Do. to Continent ... ... 38,000 "
Spot Cotton—11·90 unchgd.

Futures—Month of Mar. 11·37+04 } Advanced early owing to firm cables and partially declined later through liquidation.
Do. do. May 11·43+04 }

New Orleans:—

Spot Cotton—12 1/4 + 1/8
Futures—Month of March 11·67+05
Do. do. May 11·63+04
Closing Tone of Futures.—Firm.

WHEAT.

White Choice Karachi, C. I. F.—37 June July —London—Buyers—Canal.
Tone of Wheat—Quiet.

SEEDS.

Rapeseed:—

Yellow Gujarat, per 416 lbs. 85/o ex-ship 56 3/4—
Apl.-May—Antwerp—Sellers—Canal.
Yellow Cawnpore, per 413 lbs. 85% ex-ship, Nominal.
Brown Cawnpore. 521 April-May—London—Done —Canal.
Tone of Rapeseed.—Firm.

Linseed:—

Bombay, per 416 lbs., ex-ship 45 5/8 Jan.-Feb.—
Antwerp—Sellers—Canal.
Tone of Linseed—Irregular.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee:—

In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality), 6 1/4 + 1/16
Tone of Sugar—3 1 3/4—Sellers.

Metals:—

Copper Braziers £78
Yellow Metal ... ... d. 6 7/8

Tin plates:—

I. C. Coke 14×20 112 sheets per box weighing 90lbs. Liverpool. ... £ 0 11 7

Bar Iron:—

Belgian Ordinary Sizes F. O. B., Antwerp £ 5 9 0
Iron Corrugated Sheets 24 gauge G. O. B. 4 ¾ F. O. B. Liverpool £ 12 10 0
Basic Steel Bars C. I. F. India £ 5 15 0

Freight:—

Coals Cardiff to Bombay—Canal—Nominal.

Beef and Mutton Tallow:—

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Packages.	Value.	From	Vessel.	Importer.
2 Bundles Rs ...	Rs. 4,000	Bushire ..	Goalpara	M Mackenzie & Co
1 Bundle Rs ...	2,000	Abbas ..		
2 Bundles Rs ..	3,300	Muscat ...		
12 Bundles Rs ...	24,000	Bushire ...	Goalpara	B & P S N Co
3 Bundles Sov.	60	Bahrein	Madura	H K M Abdoolally
Rupees..	7,440			
17 Cases Re ...	1,60,000	Zanzibar..	Kanzler	Chartered Bank
5 Bundles Rs ..	12,000	Muscat ..	Goalpara	P Valabdas
10 Parcels Silver	465	London ..	Oriental	Yokohama Bank
4 Bundles Sov..	900	Muscat	Goalpara	Comptoir National
Rupees.	7,560			
5 Bundles Sov.	45	Muscat	Dumra	Comptoir National
Gold Coins..	8,000			
Rupees..	7,350			

BOMBAY MARKETS.

THURSDAY EVENING.] [23RD JANUARY 1908.

FINANCIAL.

Money:—

The Bank of Bengal cash balance is Rs. 18 lacs down.

Exchange:—

Council Bills, on Wednesday, did not meet as satisfactory a market as was expected with the result that the exchange market opened weaker in tone this morning. All Banks were willing to sell wire at 1s. 3 29-32d and this rate held good for a time. Later on a Bank resumed selling at 1s. 3 15-16d. T. T. but only found buyers for a comparatively small amount. Credits are still very scarce and although one or two Banks were willing to buy at 1s. 4 5-32d. 3 months' sight few bills were offered. Far Eastern rates are steady.

We quote:—

T. T. on London ...	...1s. 3 29/32d. to 15/16d.	
Demand Draft ...	...1s. 3 15/16d. to 31/32d.	
Credits—3 months' sight	...1s. 4 5/32d. to 3/16d.	
Do. 6 months sight	...1s. 4 11/32d.	
Do. 3 months' sight—France	169 1/2	
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks.	138 1/2	
Hongkong—30 days' sight ...	141	
Yokohama—30 days' sight ...	150 3/4	
Shanghai—30 days' sight ...	188	

Government Paper.

Business has been rather more active in this Market to-day. In the morning the quotations were 95 15/16 ready and 96 for the settlement but a steadier feeling set in when it became known that the Bank of Bengal had not increased their rate of interest and business was done for the settlement up to 96 3/16. Later on the market fell to 96 1/16 in the expectation that the Bank of Bombay rate would be raised but as the Directors did not vary it, the market firmed up to 96 1/18 ready and 96¼ for the settlement. Calcutta market also has been steadier to-day their rates being advised as 96 13/16 ready and 96 3/16 for delivery a month forward.

We quote:—

Cash ...	...	...	...	Rs 96·1
1st Settlement...	...	...	...	" 96·2

Bullion:—

There was no change in the price of Bar silver in London on Wednesday ready being 25 9/16 and two months' forward at 25¼. New York remained steady at 55½. Locally the market has been more active. Ready bars opened at 66 *ex* duty but on Bazaar buying the rate advanced to 66 5/16 *ex* duty. Forward rates are given below. Bar gold is steady.

We quote:—

			Rs.	a.	p.
English Bar Gold	...	...	24	6	0
Australian Bar Gold	...	...	24	5	0
Bombay Bar Gold	...	...	24	3	0
English Shield Sovereigns	...	...	15	3	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	...	...	15	2	0
Silver *ex* Duty—Ready	...	...	66	5	0
Ditto 1st Settlement		...	66	5	0
Ditto 2nd Settlement		...	66	8	0

COTTON.

Market Report:—

Prices opened slightly stiffer but otherwise there was little change in the position of the market this morning. Business in settlements continues and deliveries for this month are approaching completion. The Ginners Report, which is expected to-morrow, is looked for with a certain degree of interest, and private telegrams to hand to-day indicate a diversity of opinion regarding the figures anticipated.

There was a fair enquiry at Colaba for ready cotton by exporters, but mills are operating quietly.

The market closes as under:—

QUOTATIONS:—	Rs.	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach ...	276	March
Good M. G. Broach ...	265 1/2	"
Fine M. G. Nagpur Kampti	233	Jan.
Fine M. G. Damangaum Pulgaon	227	"
Fine M. G. Khangaum Akola	223/4	"
Fine M. G. Amraoti ...	223/4	"
Fine M. G. Muttia ...	208	"
F. G. M. G. Khandeish ...	201	"
Fine M. G. Khandeish ...	204	"
Fine M. G. Bengals ...	198	"
F. G. H. G. Bengals ...	193	"
Good Westerns ...	241	May
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar	256	"

Liverpool Opener:—

Opening Tone... ... ... Quiet but steady
Estimated Sales ... ... 8,000 bales.
Total Imports ... ... 14,000 "

Future Delivery Prices:—

J.-F.	F.-M.	M.-A.	A.-M.	M.-J.
6·03 +01	6·08 +01	6·09 +01	6·08 +01	6·08 +01

J.-J.	J.-A.	A.-S.	S.-O.
6·06 +01	6·01 +01	5·90 +01	5·75 +01

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed:—

The market is firmer with more demand, and prices are now quoted:—

Ready ... ... Rs. 8 0 0 B. T,
Apl.-May ... ... " 8 9 0 R. T.

Rapeseed:—

The market is steadier but buyers are holding off. We quote:—

Brown Cawnpore, Apl.-May ... Rs. 9 6 6 R.T
Yellow Guzerat ... ... " 9 13 0 B.T

Gingellyseed:—

The market is steadier and we quote as under:—

Bold White, 85 p.c. ... ... Rs. 59 0 0
" " 75 p.c. ... ... " 58 0 0
White Havre... ... ... " 58 8 0
Yellow Hinganghat ... ... " 61 8 0

Poppyseed:—

April.-May ... ... Rs. 11 1 0

Tone—Steadier.

Castorseed:—

Ready Rs. 34 0 0 Apl.-May. Rs. 35 0 0

Tone—Steady.

Cottonseed:—

Rs. 25 0 0

Tone—Steady.

Mowraseed:—

Rs. 5 6 0

Tone—Steady.

Groundnuts—

Rs. 43 8 0

Tone—Easier.

Wheat:—

White Delhi, Apl.-May ... Rs. 6 1 6 R.T.

Tone—Steady.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks:—				
Bombay	...	...	1,340	X. D.
India	...	...	79½	C. D.
Indian Specie Bank	...	...	53	C. D.
Mills:—				
Century	...	...	1,850	
David	...	...	395	
Kohinoor	...	...	745	
Maneckji Petit	...	...	3,335	
Standard	...	...	1,180	
Textile	...	...	1,250	
Jamsheds	...	...	195	
Miscellaneous:—				
Badham Pile & Co.	...	...	137	
Bamankua Manganese Prem.		...	3	
Colaba Land and Mill	...	...	1,035	
Railways:—				
Ahmedabad-Prantej	...	...	557½	

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. yesterday:—

Cotton	...	...	...	11,179	bales.
Wheat	...	...	...	5,453	cwts
Linseed	...	...	...	317	"
Rapeseed	...	...	...	Nil	
Gingellyseed	...	...	...	2,026	"
Poppyseed	...	...	...	303	"
Groundnuts	...	...	...	353	"
Castorseed	...	...	...	1,419	"
Rice	...	...	...	15,370	"
Myrabolams	...	...	...	2,629	"
Cottonseed	...	...	...	3,922	"
Mowraseed	...	...	...	49	"
Gram	...	...	...	453	"
Joowar	...	...	...	9,677	"
Maize	...	...	...	1,149	"

"ANCIENT INDIA" is the title of an interesting lecture by Mr. S. Krishnaswamy Iyengar, M. R. A. S., which is now published as a pamphlet. The purpose of the writer has been to show that, for all its apparently chaotic character, the history of India in the period of Hindu supremacy has unity, and that there can be discerned the main lines along which the country progressed, though there may be many gaps in the records of ancient India.

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EUROPE.

DEATH.

GADDUM—January 22, at Manchester, George Henry Gaddum senior Partner of Messrs. Gaddum and Co., aged 80 years. (By Cable).

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DEATH.

DARNER—January 22, at St. George's Hospital, of enteric fever, Otto S. Darner, partner in Messrs. Khan and Khan, Paris.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

COWLEY—January 16, at Dadiang, the wife of H. V. Cowley, of a daughter.
DUNCAN—January 19, at 4, Auckland Square, Calcutta, the wife of T. C. Duncan, of a daughter.
ANDERSON—January 16, at Karachi, the wife of C. S. Anderson, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SCOTT—ESPLIN—January 17, at Wellesley Square, United Free Church, by the Rev. John MacRae, M. A., Arthur Scott, of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, Madras, to Mary, elder daughter of Joseph Esplin, Esq., of Arbroath, Scotland.

DEATHS.

D'ARCY—January 15, at Lahore, after a painful suffering of several years, Louisa the dearly loved wife of Samuel Henry D'Arcy, Lahore Municipal Service, aged 52 years.
FERGUSON—January 14, at sea, Ernest George, fourth son of the late T. J. Ferguson, of Calicut.
SARSON—January 19, at 13, Infantry Road, Bangalore, William Sarson Retired Magistrate and Collector of Chittagong.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7h. 15m. Sun sets, 6h. 27m. High water, 2-28m., 2-47a. Low water, 8-17a.
P. and O. steamer "Oriental," with English Mails of the 10th inst., due to arrive at 7 a.m.
Royal Scots' Annual Athletic Sports, Colaba Parade Ground.
B. B. and C. I. Volunteer Rifles, Sergeants' Ball, Mechanics' Institute, Parel.
Harmston's Circus, Esplanade. 9-30 p. m.
The Scarlet Troubadours, Town Hall, 9-30 p.m.
Skating Rink, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m.
Excelsior Cinematograph, Esplanade, 7 p.m., 8-30 p.m., and 10 p.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—January 26th, last quarter, 8h., 31-3m. p.m.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Saturday, January 25.—Bombay Extra Races. Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races. Royal Scots' Annual Athletic Sports, Colaba Parade Ground. Meeting of the University Senate, 5-45 p.m. Harmston's Circus Esplanade, 9-30 p.m. The Scarlet Troubadours, Town Hall, 9-30 p.m. Sun rises, 7h., 15m.; Sun sets, 6h., 27m; High water, 4-2m., 3-33a.; Low water, 9-24m., 8 53a.
Sunday, January 26.—3rd Sunday after Epiphany. Bombay Hunt, Sahar Hill. Sun rises, 7h. 15m. Sun sets, 6h. 28m. High water, 3-42m., 4-32a. Low water, 10-9m., 9-45a.
Monday, January 27.—Harmston's Circus, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m. Tavoy Exploration Syndicate, in liquidation, adjourned meeting, 15-17 Tamarind Lane, 3 p.m. Sun rises, 7h. 15m. Sun sets, 6h. 29m. High water, 4-30m., 5-52a. Low water, 11-10m., 11-51a.
Tuesday, January 28.—Bombay Hunt, Irla (Parla station). Harmston's Circus, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m. Sun rises, 7h. 14m. Sun sets, 6h 29m. High water, 5-28m., 7-22a. Low water, 0-28a.
Wednesday, January 29.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p.m. Harmston's Circus, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m. Sun rises, 7h. 14m. Sun sets, 6h. 30m. High water, 6-40m., 8-45a. Low water, 1-14m., 1-42a.
Thursday, January 30.—Bombay Hunt, Santa Cruz Harmston's Circus, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m. Sun rises, 7h. 14m. Sun sets, 6h. 30m. High water, 8-4m., 9-47a. Low water, 2-42m., 2-42a.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Lamu, Mombasa, Ibo, Chindi, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Quilimane, Mozambique per s.s. Reichstag will be closed at the General Post Office at 10 a.m. to-day.

THEFT IN DOCK MASTER'S OFFICE.—Mr. Arthur C. Warner, Berthing Master of the P. and O. Docks, Bombay, has reported to the police the theft of a gold watch and chain and pieces of cloth of the collective value of Rs. 255 from the office of the Dock Master on Wednesday.

FATAL FALL IN A QUARRY HOLE.—At Government House Road, Parel, Bombay, yesterday, Mr. G. F. Chalk, the Coroner, held an inquest on the body of Bhimabai (11), a Hindu girl. On Wednesday the deceased was washing clothes in a quarry hole when she accidentally fell into it and was drowned. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A LABOURER.—On Wednesday evening Laxmibai (21), a Hindu woman, was working near a heap of chunam at Albert Road, Bombay, when a part of it gave way burying the woman underneath. She was subsequently extricated in an unconscious condition and died within a few hours. At an inquest held on her body, a verdict of accidental death from suffocation was returned.

BAND AT THE YACHT CLUB.—By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel J. S. McNeill, V. D., and Officers, the Band of the 1st Batt. G. I. P. Ry. Volunteers will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 6-15 p.m. to-day:—

Grand March ...	Tannhauser ... Wagner
Three Celebrated ...	Dances Hungarian ... Brahm
Selection ...	Carmen ... Bizet
Valse ...	Girls of Vienna ... Ziehrer
Selection ...	Reminiscences of Offenbach ... Offenbach
Galop ...	Musicians Club ... Hall
Melodie ...	Serenade Lyreque ... Ed Elgar

HISTORICAL PLAY OF "PESHWA MADHAV RAO."—Under the patronage of Babu Arvind Gosh a benefit performance, in aid of the National Education fund, was given by the Maharashtra Theatrical Company of "Madhav Rao Peshwa" a new tragedy, depicting a very interesting part of the History of the rule of the Peshwa in Poona. In it are very appropriately worked out the various situations and intrigues of the Maratha confederacy in Poona, giving a vivid picture of what was transpiring a century ago in the Deccan. The audience was considerably impressed by the machiavelian policy and the diplomatic moves of Nana Fadnavis, Peshwa's Minister, and the tragic end of the young melancholy Peshwa. The most interesting feature of the drama is the singing of "Pavada"—historical ballads by Ghondhalis. The management have spared no pains to make every thing look realistic. The costumes and scenes are prepared from rare historical drawings and photographs which give a true idea of the Peshwa's glory in Poona a century ago.

LUNATIC KILLS HIS MOTHER:—At the Mazagon Police Court, Bombay, yesterday, before Mr. Jafferbhoy Rahimtulla, Reuben David, an Israel, was charged with murdering his mother Sarabai on the 29th April last. It was alleged that on the day in question the accused shut the door of his room, fastened it from inside, knocked his mother down and bettered her head with a stone. She died on the spot. The accused was arrested and put on his trial, when it was found that he was not in a sound state of mind. He was sent to the Lunatic Asylum at Thana. He was recently declared to have regained his sanity and was again put on his trial. Dr. Arthur Powell, Police Surgeon, said he had examined the accused on the 25th August, 1905 and again on the 30th April, 1907. In his opinion the accused was a lunatic on both the occasions. Dr. Powell was further of opinion that the accused must have been a lunatic on the 29th April last and incapable of knowing the nature of the act he was doing on that day. The accused was committed to take his trial at the next Criminal Sessions of the Bombay High Court.

BAND AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—With the kind permission of Colonel Murray and Officers, the Band and Pipers of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots, will play at the Victoria Gardens on Sunday the 26th instant, between 5 and 7 p.m. (S. T.)

The following is the programme of the music:—

March ...	The Stars and Stripes for ever ... Sousa
Intermezzo ...	Rendez Vous ... Aletter
Selection ...	The Mikado ... Sullivan
Valse ...	The Merry Widow ... Lehar
Selection ...	Scotch Medley ... Cavaliine
Sketch ...	Ireland for Ever ... Myddleton
Descriptive March ...	A Donkey Ride ... Thurban

PIPE MUSIC.

1	March ...	My Native Highland Home
2	March ...	Hot Punch
	Strathspey ...	Major McDonsal of Lunga
	Reel ...	Jack Wilson's Ball
3	March ...	Bauncocks O'Barley Meal
	March ...	Brae Mar Highlanders
4	Strathspey ...	Mrs Duff
	Reel ...	Ian More
5	March ...	Pingals Weeping
	March ...	The Pride of Caledonia
6	Strathspey ...	The Duke of Gordon's Birthday
	Reel ...	My Wooer He Merry

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—We heartily congratulate the Maratha Aikechu Sabha of Bombay on their successful memorial to the Local Government regarding the hardships of the medical inspection of passengers at the Bombay port. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to His Excellency Sir George Clarke whose name has in such a short time become a household word through his untiring efforts to do good to the people entrusted to his care. The claims of Sir George to eminence as a statesman and diplomatist are incontestably great. The discontinuance of the medical inspection of passengers at the bunder will be considered a great boon by thousands of men, women and children who were exposed to unnecessary sufferings on the ground of the prevention of the spread of the bubonic epidemic which, in spite of all attempts to stem the tide, annually ravaged the intermediate ports down the Konkan coast. Will you kindly permit me to bring to the notice of the Portuguese Government the innumerable inconveniences suffered by passengers, while passing through their limits, on account of medical inspection, disinfection and quarantine? In fact the passenger traffic through their territory, which since the opening of the Portuguese Railway, grew very enormous, has of late been paralysed on account of these evils. Large numbers of passengers from the Konkan and downwards are obliged to resort to circuitous routes by bullock-carts to arrive at their destinations up the Ghats. If the British Consul at Goa will move the Portuguese Government to discontinue the medical inspection of passengers, it will give a great impetus to trade and passenger traffic—Yours, etc.

B. B. NAIK.

Kolhapur, January 22.

THE NEW MUSEUM.

The designs submitted for the new Museum on the Crescent are now on view at the Town Hall, and have been visited by numerous ladies and gentlemen interested in the project, including the Governor. The selection lay between an excellent design in the Byzantine style, submitted by Mr. C. Wittet, who is now officiating as Consulting Architect to the Government of Bombay, and an Italian Renaissance design submitted by Mr. Miller of Glasgow. The conditions of the competition were as follows: Advertisements were inserted in the newspapers inviting designs and offering two premia of Rs. 1,500 each for the two best drawings sent in, the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects in England being requested to assist the committee by selecting four gentlemen of repute in the profession, who would be willing to submit designs for an honararium of £100 each. These four designs together with the two submittted from India were to be assessed with a view to the selection of one of them. The assessor appointed was Mr. J. Begg, F. R. I. B. A., who has been lately appointed Consulting Architect to the Government of India. The committee finally selected design No. 15 because it was the handsomest of those submitted, all of which, however, were very excellent. It is creditable that there should be so many Indian names amongst the competitors. Mr A. C. Payne, a local architect, came third in the Indian competition, and was highly commended by the committee.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending January 21 was 767 giving a death-rate of 38·50 per annum per thousand as against 36·64 the corresponding period of last year, and 51·59 the average over the past five years. Of the total number, 70 died from fevers; 18, plague; 17, small-pox; 8, measles; 1, cholera; 1, leprosy; 43, phthisis; 41, diseases of the nervous system; 225, affections of the respiratory organs; 43, diarrhœa; 28, dysentery; 43, still-born; 102, old-age and debility; 19, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 12; Brahmin, 26; Lingaet, 4; Bhattia, 6; Hindu of other castes, 361; Hindu low caste, 104; Musalman, 150; Parsee, 18; Jew, 5; Native Christian, 30; Eurasian, 5; European, 3. The total number of births was 412 as against 377 the corresponding period of last year, and 385 the average over the past five years.

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LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

HIGH COURT.

BHATTIA MILLIONAIRE'S ESTATE.

The Suit Dismissed.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Beaman delivered judgment yesterday in the suit of Karsandas Dharamsey against his aunt Bai Gangabai, widow of Gorohandas Sunderdas, and other persons, claiming rights in the large family property including the agencies of several mill companies belonging to the firm of Mulji Jetha. The case has been reported.

His lordship said that plaintiff sued as a member of a joint undivided Hindu family, alleging that his great-grandfather Mulji Jetha with his son Sunderdas founded the family fortunes and acquired great wealth; and that they were joint in food, worship and estate. Defendants represented generally, the estate of the late Gordhandas Sunderdas Mulji, paternal uncle of the plaintiff. So much of the family property, they demurred, as had come into the hands of Gordhandas, had formed the subject of his will: this being so, the plaint disclosed no cause of action, and should be dismissed. By reason of suit No. 573 brought by Gordhandas against the plaintiff in 1899, and by the contentions raised and the decree passed in it, the present suit was "Res Judicata." Plaintiff averred that he was not properly represented in that suit, and had applied for leave to appeal. But defendants again demurred that this was still "Res Judicata," by reason of the High Court having held in appeal—which ruling was confirmed on yet another appeal by the Privy Council in London—that the plaintiff was properly represented in the suit in 1899. Mr. Justice Beaman drew a distinction between "English joint-estate" which, he said, was wholly unknown to Hindu Law, and "Hindu joint-family estate" which was wholly unknown to English Law. Such facts as were undisputed clearly pointed to Mulji Jetha—and Sunderdas, too, for that matter—having intended not to make this joint-family property; but they would not have been prepared to say, as Mr. Justice Russell had found in the suit, that they were joint in all respects, or, as Gordhandas had admitted, joint in food, worship, and estate. Passages taken from Mr. Justice Russell's judgment in Gordhandas vs. Ramkuvar, bearing on this point, seemed most ambiguous, and wholly at variance with the decree. It might be that this was due to loose grammatical construction: it might be that the learned Judge's mind was so concentrated on what were the substantial and extremely difficult questions he had to answer, that treating this as merely preliminary matter, he did not reckon with all the connotations and the legal implications of the words he was using. It remained a fact that, after finding that he took the passage in its ordinary grammatical construction (viz: that Mulji Jetha, Sunderdas Mulji, Dharamsi Sunderdas Gordhandas Sunderdas, and the present plaintiff, Karsandas Dharamsi, constituted a Hindu family joint in all respects) Mr. Justice Russell had ended by giving full effect to the will of Mulji Jetha.

The Court had to mention all this because Counsel had made a great point of it in his agreement, both upon this, and upon the "Res Judicata" issues. There was nothing, either in practice or theory, which excluded the possibility of members of the same family starting a family fortune, holding it as members of a joint-family, and by it clothing it with all the legal qualities and incidents of joint-family property, chief among which was that every member born into the family after the property had acquired the character of joint-family property, and before it had been divested of it by partition, obtained by birth an interest in it. Whether in any particular case that had, or had not, been done, would depend upon evidence: it would not fall within the scope of a Demurrer. Fatal to the plaintiff was the second preliminary point argued on his behalf that the suit was not "Res Judicata" by reason of the decision and decree in suit No. 573 of 1899; Gordhandas had instituted it to have the family trust settlement set aside, to have the will of Sunderdas set aside to have the will of Mulji Jetha construed, and to have the rights of all parties determined in the Mulji Jetha estates. Plaintiff, in the present suit, contended that he was then a minor; he was not properly represented. When he came of age he applied under Section 5 of the Limitation Act to appeal after the prescribed period had expired, on the ground that he had not been properly represented. In this matter the Bombay Appeal Court held that he had been properly represented, and it refused to extend the period. The Privy Council in London upheld this view. Now, he wanted to raise the same question on the ground that the decisions of these two Courts were not decisions in a suit. Technically whether they were or not, Mr. Justice Beaman had not the least doubt that the point raised was in its nature "Res Judicata;" if not under Section 13, then upon a general principle of law it was so. Were authority needed for such obvious proposition, there was the case of Ram Kirpal, 11 I. A. 37. It would be indecent and impertinent for an inferior Court to go again into a question which, upon full agreement, had been twice decided by Courts superior to it—on the last occasion, by the Supreme Court. Mr. Justice Braman held that the suit was barred by "Res Judicata" and must be dismissed. Costs on the plaintiff: he should pay the Advocate General's costs as between attorney and client. Defendants to pay the costs of demurrer, when ascertained by the Taxing Master.

BREACH OF CONTRACT.

Yesterday the Hon'ble Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Batchelor disposed of a suit instituted by one Gandhari and another, appellants and original defendants against Bala Narasgowda, original plaintiff and respondant. Messrs. N. M. Samarth and D. W. Pilgaokar appeared for the appellants, and Mr. Koyaji represented the respondent. Plaintiff sued to recover Rs. 2,300 by way of compensation for breach of contract. He alleged that certain property belonging to defendants had been wrongfully held by one Subraya; that defendants appointed plaintiff as their agent to conduct the litigation and recover possession of the property from Subraya; that defendants entered into an agreement with plaintiff to the effect that they would remunerate plaintiff defrayed the expenses of the litigation from time to time; and that plaintiff was now entitled to be reimbursed. One of the terms of the agreement was that plaintiff should be reimbursed from the proceeds of the property recovered; but defendants had of late dispossessed plaintiff of the property. The defendants on the other hand contended that the agreement relied on by the plaintiff was a forged one; that plaintiff had been paid for the expenses of the litigation in other ways. They also contended that the claim was time barred. The original suit was decided by the Subordinate Judge of Chikodi, who ordered plaintiff to recover the sum of Rs. 1,550 from defendants. In appeal the District Judge of Belgaum modified the decree of the court of first instance by reducing the amount by Rs. 160. He held the agreement to be admissable in evidence though it had not been registered, but he remarked that the manner in which plaintiff has calculated his interest was clearly irregular. He has charged it for the full term, instead of devoting the income of each year to the payment of the amounts due. Plaintiff's position as a trustee is not disputed, and under the terms of the agreement he was entitled to charge interest at 12 per cent., and the most the defendants could claim as a set off against this

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BOMBAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1908.

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The Bombay Gazette.

FRIDAY, JAN. 24, 1908.

A TRUANT MAHARAJA.

AN article, worth reading for the moral lessons it contains, appears in the new number of the *National Review* over the signature of "Mildred Isemonger." It is headed "As Others See Us" and recounts the incidents and confidences of a three months' engagement the author fulfilled with a Maharani, whose name is not given but may be guessed. Her ruminations begin in the first dozen lines and she tells us that a group of Orientals look strangely out of place in a continental hotel, often as such groups are seen now-a-days. Shorn of his native dress and the splendour—slovenly though it may be—of his home surroundings the Indian potentate is a more pathetic than imposing figure. The fact that he can spend a year away from his kingdom "is a significant reminder that his Resident or Political Agent is entirely able to administer his affairs of State; his physique is frequently an object lesson in the results of generations of child-marriage and self-indulgence; the attempt to imitate Western modes of life and manners involves too often the loss of Oriental dignity." All of which, if true, might well have been omitted, though we are glad to find that on points where the men of the party—whom she joined in Switzerland—were lacking, the Maharani was wisely tenacious. She wore her native dress, indoors at least, and though she had emancipated herself and her daughter from the shadow of the purdah, she adhered strictly to her own caste rules of food and ablution. These, combined with English habits of outdoor exercise, had preserved her figure admirably and at thirty-four she was still young. It appeared that the Maharaja was playing truant. The presence of a second-rate Frenchman with the party in the capacity of aide-de-camp puzzled Miss Isemonger, and the explanation of this and other things transpired by degrees. Their Highnesses had been given the plainest hints to remain in their own country and to do their duty in that state of life to which they still nominally belong; the Viceroy had intimated his intention of including their capital in the progress of his autumn tour; it was even whispered that they might be honoured by the presence of a still more august guest, but to all these suggestions the Maharaja turned a deaf ear. His susceptibilities had been hurt at the last State function he had attended, he was not to be cajoled by a minor decoration or coerced by veiled threats of the displeasure of the sovereign Power. He would assert his independence and travel when and where the spirit moved him. This attitude had the Maharani's warm applause and sympathy. She, in fact, was the livelier rebel of the two, for in addition to her keen resentment of the slight—real or imaginary—offered to her husband, she had a feminine grudge of her own against the Viceregal Court."

The Maharaja and his Maharani expressed themselves very freely and Miss Isemonger was able to "sympathise with them on some points, discount undue bitterness, and to some extent understand their feelings. The native Princes of India have often been compared to hothouse plants, things artificially preserved from the rude winds of heaven. Our strong suzerain power shelters them from the struggle for existence, and thereby, while it undoubtedly saves the majority from being swept away, deprives them of the strength that comes by fighting for life. In return for the protection of England, they must needs accept her tutelage and though they do so for the most part with a good grace, the leading strings are irksome at times. Criticism of our methods and discontent with them are hardly to be wondered at on their part, and that friction, where it arises, is secretly fostered by our enemies in and outside of India, is a matter of common knowledge." Discussing the future of India the Maharani declared: "We should do very well" if the English left India. "We should all be at each other's throats," said the Maharaja placidly, "and the strongest would take everything. We have forgotten how to rule, we are only puppets now and can do nothing without permission. All is by order of the Viceroy and his Council; how should we know how to rule ourselves, we are a conquered people?" Further on His Highness relieved himself of much bitterness on a subject which many another native ruler has spoken though generally to deaf ears. "The English are rulers of India and will remain so in our day and our sons' days," said the Maharaja. "For the most part they are wise, but sometimes they do not understand and do harm when they think to do good, and so our people suffer hardships. Consider, for instance, these 'tamashas' of which there have been too many of late years. India is a poor country, yet look what we are forced to spend, we native princes whether we like it or not, on these displays. The Delhi Durbar cost as many lakhs of rupees, more than I can count; and now this Royal Visit, what will it cost in festivals? And all that while the poor people are starving by the hundred. You ask why we do these things on such a lavish scale; it is expected of us that we follow tradition and entertain magnificently. We cannot afford it and our people are taxed to supply that money, until they often sell all that they have to the money-lender, even their grain seed. Yes, we are fools to do it, but it is our pride; we will not say that we cannot afford it." Plain speaking, but true. The observations of the truant Maharaja but re-echoed what many another native prince had said and we very heartily supported them in their protest against being expected to contribute money which neither prince nor people could afford.

Commenting on the obvious inconsistency between the antagonism the Maharaja and his wife displayed towards English rule and institutions and their anxiety to have their children educated in England, Miss Isemonger was informed by the Maharaja that in his time he had seen many Rajas deprived of their power because of their incompetence, and he had determined that this shall not be the case with his sons. "They shall learn," he said, "all the things that Englishmen learn; they shall go to your public schools and colleges and have the same chance as Englishmen." Miss Isemonger abstained from making any reply but noted what His Highness thought of the Imperial Cadet Corps and other such institutions for the education of Indian youths of the upper classes in their own country. "They learn nothing there except drill," was the answer; "they become a very ornamental feature of the Viceroy's suite, but I do not choose it for my sons." This, Miss Isemonger observes, may or may not have been a small ebullition of private rancour. Personally she thinks it was. And if the anonymous Maharaja be the Chief we believe him to be we are not surprised that the rancorous feeling still remains within his breast, though some years have passed away. But political matters did not comprise the entire list of subjects on which Their Highnesses and Miss Isemonger exchanged confidences. The Maharani had her own views on Western marriage laws. She admitted that they undoubtedly put women in a more advantageous position than did Hindu or Mahomedan customs. "But then," she added cynically, "marriage does not count for very much with you." When Miss Isemonger demurred, the Maharani retorted: "Oh, no, look around you. If you see a man talking to a lady, skating with her, dancing with her, you may be sure they are not husband and wife. Perhaps he is going to marry her, but afterwards—he is always with other ladies; she is always with other men." Miss Isemonger tried to explain that our customs and social duties do not allow of husband and wife being always together, but she could not reconcile this with her conception of domestic bliss. And yet, while she condemned our freedom of intercourse she hankered after it herself and nothing delighted her more than a chat with an Englishman—a pleasure, by the way, that the Maharaja seldom permitted her. After her glimpses of the Western world and its gaieties it is not to be marvelled at that the secluded existence of a purdah nashin seemed very intolerable to Her Highness and that she engaged in diversions and recreations which many another Maharani never heard of.

CHINA'S INDUSTRIAL NEEDS. THE trade reports on China issued by Sir Alexander Hosie are always full of interest for they are a reliable barometer of that "awakening" which has been growing for many years and has at last made itself politically felt. It is unfortunate that it should have invaded the realms of politics so soon, for it is obvious to the most casual observer of Chinese trade condition that the country is not yet able to stand alone. There is undoubtedly a great industrial movement and at present China is in need of manufacturing plant of all kinds but, though she wants to buy, the Chinese have but the vaguest idea of what is actually required for factories or the cost. This sums up the text on which Sir Alexander Hosie preaches his latest little trade sermon, and he comes to the conclusion that what would facilitate business more than anything else would be for British manufacturers to combine and send out expert agents prepared to teach what is needed and the price. "There is an example of this nearer home," says Sir Alexander; "I believe that the British Engineering Company of Egypt is a combination of British manufacturers doing exactly what is required in China. Establish such a company in Shanghai with a staff competent to give all technical information, draw up estimates, plans, etc., and there should be no doubt as to the result. A few houses in Germany are thus represented in Shanghai. There are, it is true, quite a number of firms in Shanghai holding the agencies of British manufacturers, but far more than this is required. Firms in China have many diverse interests to attend to and they are unable to push the manufacturers' business as it might be done by means of special expert representatives. Such experts, too, can quote more favourable terms than general agents in the United Kingdom, and considerable saving is effected. There are a few, too few, representatives of this class in China, and one of them informed me that not a week passed without his being consulted by German merchants, whereas during his residence of a year in the country there may have been a couple of British inquirers. Is it surprising, therefore, that many British houses are represented in China by German agents?" It is an oft-called cry. The German agent is willing to build up his business on British goods in order that he may stand sufficiently well in the market to push his own goods at a larger profit. Want of "push" is the chief complaint against the British in the Far East. There is, continues Sir Alexander, a scarcity of young British firms in China. "Not so German. A young German comes to Hongkong or China provided with a small capital and backed by his friends at home. He at once starts business, pushes it for all it is worth, and aided by the banks is soon on the highway to success. If want of push is a danger to British interests in China, there is another danger which is more of the future than of the present. Its effect has not yet been appreciably felt, but it is none the less real. In India direct trade between the native and the manufacturer is steadily increasing and the services of the middleman are being dispensed with. The system has begun in China, and Chinese merchants, especially in the metal trade, are already ordering direct for themselves as well as for others. That the system will develop with education and increasing knowledge there cannot be the least doubt, and, although it will not spring up with the rapidity of Jonah's gourd, it is even now a tiny sapling and it will grow." Even now the great bulk of China's foreign import trade is a commission business, and when the Chinese merchant is sufficiently educated and trusted he will do his best to save the commission. At present the foreign middleman is simply his guarantee that his order will be properly executed and his assistant for financing his transactions.

MOSQUITO NURSERIES. If a systematic inspection could be made of the water tanks that are now so commonly placed on the roofs of houses in Bombay, it would be found that, by a perversity that is nothing less than diabolical, they have been converted into nurseries for the breeding of mosquitoes. The tanks are all covered and provided with lids, many of which are perforated with holes three-quarters of an inch across, so that the mosquito may have free access at all times. It would be interesting to know whether the architect or the maker of the tanks is responsible for these holes which are evidently made on the supposition that the lid is air-tight when closed. A great deal of so-called scientific work done in India is carried out in this style by people who in the words of Rai Varma has given so much attention to the cultivation of the memory, that they have forgotten to attend to their understanding. As a rule the lids are kept wide open; in consequence, the top floor of houses which should be free from mosquitoes are often infected by them, and the terrace roofs are spoiled as a pleasant retreat at night, for the same reason. A hamal was recently taken to task for opening these tanks on a roof, which had been previously kept closed. He replied with an air of superior knowledge that "drinking water should always see the sun, as in wells"! This man had been for years in the service of Europeans and his opinion is doubtless that of many others in a similar position. Some three or four years ago Mr. E. H. Aitkens the popular author of "The Tribes on my frontier," found the water in the Wellington fountain swarming with the larvæ of the mosquito. He introduced some small fish from a neighbouring tank into the basin, and very soon the larvæ disappeared. In course of time the basin was cleaned, and the fish disappeared. The coolies employed on the work had eaten them. For dense ignorance and superstition there is nothing to choose between the cooly labourer and the domestic servant; both have an astounding partiality for a picturesque lie, which will circulate among them with wonderful rapidity, but the chief cause of the fevers that carry off more of their class than any other cause, remains to them a sealed book—or, at best, an idle story. It is plain that the popular idea that primary education will have to be very much modified, if it is to meet the real needs of the people. There are hundreds of houses and several hotels in Bombay where mosquito curtains would be quite unnecessary if the domestic servants could be got to understand that mosquitoes cannot breed except in water that must stand for more than a week. And if the water must remain for a longer period it must be inaccessible to the mosquito.

SEASONAL PROSPECTS IN BOMBAY. ALTHOUGH the number of persons on relief in the Bombay Presidency last week was reported to be slightly reduced, the local reports show that in several districts scarcity is likely to be experienced. In Upper Sind the recent rain spread from the Punjab and crops are benefiting, but in Southern Sind there is a deficiency in the water-supply and the river at Bukkur is considerably below its normal height. Almost all the districts along the coast line report that the rainfall has been insufficient though, so far, actual scarcity has not been experienced except in special small areas. From Ahmedabad, however, comes word that the agricultural situation generally is bad except in the rice tracts of the Darkroi and Sanand talukas and parts of the Viramgam taluka. In the Panch Mahals poor cultivators are coming to the end of their resources, but aimless wandering is not yet noticeable. Scarcity is imminent in the Eastern Mahals and it is suggested that fresh wells sunk at public expense are necessary; the water supply is drying up but the condition of the cultivating and labouring classes is still fair. The heaviest sufferers seem to be East and West Khandesh while Nasik, as usual, reports an insufficiency of water. The general impression to be obtained from the weekly reports is that, under normal conditions in the next few months, serious famine will not be experienced, though scarcity of a fairly widespread character is inevitable.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. "Oceana", with the homeward Mails of the 18th instant arrived at Aden at 8 p. m. on Wednesday the 22nd January.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. "Marmora", with the outward Mails of the 17th instant, passed Suez at 11 a. m. on Thursday the 23rd January.

THE "Indian Daily News" hears that the scheme for a ship canal through the Island of Rameswaram has been abandoned as not worth what it would cost.

MR. GYULA TORNAI, the Hungarian painter, has arrived at Calcutta.

A FIRE occurred in the Bazaar at Simla on Wednesday, two native shops valued by their owners at a lakh of rupees being burnt.

MR. VINCENT ESCH, Architect, Bengal-Nagpur Railway, Calcutta, has won the prize of Rs. 5,000 for the best design for the new building for the Bengal Club, Calcutta.

IT is reported that in many of the bazaars of Bengal now-a-days are to be purchased matches bearing the inscription in large letters:—"Safety 'Swadeshi' matches: Made in Austria."

THE British Navy League states that the next Naval Estimates will amount to £40,000,000 if Great Britain lays down two keels for every one of Germany.

MOUNTED Volunteer Rifle Corps in India are in future to be instructed in Mounted Infantry drill only, all Yeomanry and Cavalry drill being eliminated from their training.

THE "Wilson Premium," for the best paper read before the Crystal Palace Engineering Society during the present session has been awarded to Mr. T. M. Bradley for his paper on "Tank Irrigation in India."

THE marriage arranged between Kenneth Campbell, Calcutta, and Marion Effie, second daughter of the Hon'ble Col. R. D. Murray, I.M.S., Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, U. P., will take place at Christ Church, Lucknow, on the 18th of February.

DURING the week ending 21st January 596 1/2 chests of opium were removed from the Warehouse in Bombay. Of this 592½ were shipped to China and 4 to Dutch Mandvi. During the week 436 chests were imported from Indore and 50 from Ahmedabad.

THE death from falling between the footboard of his train and the platform at Pundooah Station, E. I. Railway, is reported of the Guard of No. 180 Down Goods train. The body was taken to Asansol, the place of residence of the deceased, where a Military funeral was accorded the deceased.

UNDER the title "An Antidote for Agitation," Sheikh Mahommed Abdul Gaffar, a "rais" of Shekhupur, Badaun District, United Provinces, has written a pamphlet in which he gives "an account of the blessings and beauties of the British Government; its attitude towards the Indian Musalmans, showing advantages of keeping aloof from the political agitation." The pamphlet supports the action of the authorities, and urges Musalmans to refrain from joining in pernicious agitation.

THE "Englishman" learns that the Calcutta Free School authorities, who have purchased a square mile of land in Ranchi, have been offered about Rs. 16,00,000 for their buildings and grounds, exclusive of the church, in Free School Street. "Even if it is ultimately decided not to move the school to Ranchi it ought to be moved out of its present situation, say, towards Ballygunge. One of the best improvements that could be made in Calcutta would be to extend Lindsay Street straight through the grounds of the Free School and right on to Circular Road, passing between the Free Church of Scotland and the Madrassah College."

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

MATINEE HAT COMPETITION.

Rage for Coral.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JANUARY 3.

The opening of Parliament on January 29th, is the event of the month and preparations are already in fullswing for the return of politicians and peers who have been enjoying a long recess.

The King and Queen will open Parliament in person and with due ceremony. The presence of Their Majesties, of course, implies a full gathering of peeresses and the opening will be a brilliant and picturesque affair. I have just learned from Biarritz, where the Prime Minister is now staying, that there is such a marked improvement in Sir Henry's health that he intends this year to give the Government, reception on the evening of the opening of Parliament himself at Downing-street. This is a new departure for Sir Henry, for his wife's illness and later his own mourning have each year made it necessary for him to enlist the assistance of one of the party hostesses. Last year the Countess of Portsmouth acted as official party hostess at the request of Sir Henry, and her pretty rooms in Mansfield-street were thronged with notabilities including of course all the Ministers in uniform. It was generally supposed that Lady Portsmouth would again receive the Government's supporters, but Sir Henry's decision to be his own host will be regarded as a convincing proof of his recovery. The eve of the opening parties rank among the great receptions of the year. The Marchioness of Lansdowne entertains for the Opposition and in theory all the leading Conservatives will shake hands with Lady Lansdowne and all the leading Liberals muster at Downing-street, but the traditions of English political life which make it possible for rival party candidates to be friends and brothers allow the possibility of guests passing on from one party to the other.

MUSIC AND MAMMON.

The question of royalties to singers has reached an acute stage. the bitter condemnation of Doctor Sawyer of the Royal College of music on what he describes as the "debasing alliance between music and mammon" having drawn attention to the curious business arrangements existing between the music publishers and practically every one of the leading singers. In the old days singers simply took their fee from the promoters of the concert. Sims Reeves, Edward Lloyd, and Madame Sainton Dolby to an even greater degree, established the custom of drawing a royalty on the sale of every copy of the songs they sung. Quite as much money was made in this way as from the actual fees. These singers, however, were not bound to any particular publisher. It was merely a business arrangement which any publisher might make with them. To-day, almost without exception, all our leading ballad concert singers have signed contracts with publishers to sing their songs only and in return they are paid a stiff royalty per concert. Madame Clara Butt, for instance, is reported to draw £4,000 a year in royalties from a great firm of music publishers. The allegation is that such arrangements are detrimental to the interests of composers and the public, for each season attempts are made through the medium of a singer with a great voice to foist on the public inferior songs, while the really gifted song writer who tries to push a new song on its merits without a chance. To show how very general is this arrangement the head of one our leading firms of music publishers told me yesterday that he was simply inundated with applications from young pupils fresh from one or other of the Training Schools who offered to sing particular song for half a crown per concert! Needless to say the firm in question did not avail themselves of this doubtfull method of attaining popularity.

POPULAR SONGS.

Apropos of this question of creating popularity for a song it is not a little significant that the really popular successes, those melodies that are whistled by every errand boy and churned from every street organ, carve their own way to popularity. "Blue bell," "Bedelia," "The Honeysuckle and the Bee," "Sammy," "Pansy Faces", "Irish Molly," "Soldiers the Queen" and last year's song "I would'nt Leave My Little Wooden Hut for You" have never had a penny spent on them in the way of royalties to singers. The same thing applies to the great pantomime success of the year, without which no up-to-date pantomime can be said to be complete—"Twilight." Even more striking is the instance of a song of little apparent merit, rather mawkish in tone, called "If Those Lips Could Only Speak." I have the story from the publisher of the song, the head of the firm of Messrs Francis Day and Hunter. No one appears to know of the song. It has never been sung in a West End Music Hall or Theatre. It has been sung by one man only and that man not by any means an artist of the first magnitude. But this song sung by a little known performer in second rate halls has attained a circulation of over two hundred thousand copies and every mail brings orders for more. It is a very remarkable instance of how popularity is attained, for the ordinary ballad song, it must be remembered, rarely attains a circulation beyond five thousand copies.

MATINEE HAT COMPETITION.

The matinee hat with its heavy masses of plumage looms large in the public eye at the moment. This season the male theatre-goer both in Paris and London is in despair for the matinee hat is more formidable in size than ever. So strong is the feeling in Paris in fact that when one day this week two ladies entered a fashionable theatre wearing these enormous hats there were immediate cries of "Chapeau!" "Chapeau!" At first the ladies paid no attention to these remonstrances but so insistent was the feeling in the theatre that they had to be informed by the management that if they did not remove their hats they must leave the theatre.

This incident, however, has provided the organisers of the great Dress Exhibition at Earls Court which opens towards the end of the month with a brilliant inspiration. They have promptly invited the milliners of this country and of the continent to design an ideal matinee hat, and for the hat that in the opinion of such sartorial experts as Miss Marie Tempest and Miss Ellis Jeffreys is the most suited for the purpose, a gold medal will be given.

"The Prize matinee hat" remarked Mr Kean, the organiser of the exhibition, to me "must be smart and must be becoming. It must be the kind of hat a lady would like to wear in the street on her way to the theatre. Above all, it must not be of a size that shuts out all view of the stage from those who happen to sit behind it." Theatre managers are hoping big things from the competition, for the matinee hat is a problem that often perplexes them.

THE GREEK VEIL.

The Greek vogue which has given classic lines to this season's gowns and some extremely becoming head-dresses has also sent a new veil bounding into favour. This veil is the invention of a distinguished continental professor who is an aesthetic enthusiast of the first order. Made of silk chiffon it is fully five yards long and about two yards wide. Delicate tints of rose, beige, violet and even green are the colours chosen, and on the borders are painted Greek designs copied from old vases and tablets unearthed in ancient Greek cities. These veils, needless to say, are not intended to be worn on the face but are drapd round the hat and the ends are then draped round the figure, the folds being fastened in place by little gold pins and brooches of Greek design.

RAGE FOR CORAL.

All this season coral has been in tremendous favour with smart women, the once popular turquoise being completely ousted. The latest novelty shown by the West End jewellers is the coral cameo. The coral is carved in relief in the form of classic heads, cherubs and heraldic designs and the cameos are then mounted in gold or to be quite up-to-date in oxydised silver wrought in a filigree design. The latest necklace is that known as "La Valliere" which is made up of a series of these carved corals in graduated sizes connected with filigree work and depending from a slender chain. Single heads mounted in gold filigree make most charming pendants, or the corals wrought in oriental patterns may be inserted in a collar of filigree, four, five or more ovals being used in each collar. With such an ornament, which, by the way, is exceedingly becoming to a clear complexion, flat bracelets composed of small ovals are worn. As coral is comparatively inexpensive, the woman who has little money to spare for jewellery can indulge in the present day fancy to have all one's ornaments en suite even to the Empire comb worn at the back of the hair which may show a decoration of fine traceries of gold connecting very tiny coral beads.

THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE.

With the New Year comes into existence a new public official and one whose advent will be welcomed by thousands. The Public Trustee—who has already been unofficially christened by the title of the "Worry Saver" will undertake the charge of any estate where there is a difficulty in finding a competant executor, and testators may nominate him as their trustee without consulting him or divulging their intention. The advantages of the Public Trustee are many. He can never die. Can never leave the country. Can never become incapacitated and, last but by no means least, the whole credit of the United Kingdom stands as guarantee for his fidelity.

The Public Trustee is already doing a roaring trade. When I saw him on the first day of the year at his office in Clements Inn he told me that hundreds of people had already called upon him, though he had only come into official existence that day.

"The estates which we have taken over to-day" he said "range in value from £150 to £30,000 and the number of inquiries made is a striking proof of how many citizens are ready to hand over their worries to the State."

The offices of the Public Trustee have none of the gloom and grimness of the traditional legal office. They are bright, airy apartments, with a cheererful look, and would reassure the heart of the most timid old lady anxious for advice how to dispose of her property.

By the way, the services of the Public Trustee are available to any subject of the British Empire.

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BOMBAY PRESIDENCY CENTRE.

The Annual Report of the above centre for 1906-07 reads as follows:—

The work of the Centre for the year ending 30th September 1907 indicates steady and good progress. 471 males completed a course of instruction in First Aid, of whom 375 obtained certificates. 54; females of whom 38 qualified. In Home Nursing out of 32 males 20 qualified. In home Hygiene out of 37 males 15 qualified. 15 males qualified for Medallions.

FIRST AID INSTRUCTION IN HIGH SCHOOLS.

The First Aid instruction has been introduced in Sir Jamsetji Jijibhai Parsi Benevolent Institution. Two classes consisting of 60 Students were organized by Messrs. D. N. Marker and D. F. Panthaki, Hony. Class Secretaries, and conducted by Drs. Dandekar and Kapadia. The Principal of Tutorial High School has also kindly consented to introduce First Aid instruction in the higher classes of his School.

FIRST AID INSTRUCTION IN BOMBAY MILLS.

A movement has been made to introduce First Aid instruction in some of the Mills where accidents are common. The Secretary of Sir D. M. Petit's Mills has shewn his desire to organize a class for his mill employees. From the report circulated by the Secretary of the Bombay Millowners' Association, it seems that the Secretaries of many mills here will introduce First Aid instruction in their Mills.

First Aid classes were also held at the premises of the Y. W. C. A. & Y. M. C. A. early in January 1907.

Messrs: D. N. Marker and D. F. Panthaki, Hony. Brigade and Class Secretaries with the sanction of the Central Executive Committee, London, have undertaken to make Guzerati Manuals of the following Cards and Papers:—

(1) Dr. Darwins "First Aid" Card.
(2) Surgeon Major Shepherd's "Aid Memoir Card."
(3) Dr. Hey's "Poison Card."
(4) Dr. Mackinlay's "Fire Card."
(5) "Specimen Examination Paper."
(6) "Small Anatomical Diagram Paper."

THE ANNUAL COMPETITIONS.

For the Challenge Shields, presented by H. H. The Prince of Wales, Grand Prior of the Order, for annual competition for 1907 amongst Volunteer Corps and Railway Employees in India was held at Jubbulpore on the 15th March last. There were present:—

Major G. Lund, V.D., B. V. R, representing Col. Tate, R. A. M. C., Hony. Secry. Central Committee for India. The Examiners were:—Lt.-Col. A. E. Morris and H. F. G. Elkington, Capt. L.L. Thorpe, Lt. S. L. Pallant, with Lt.-Col. Lees Hall as Moderator.

The Volunteer Shield was won by the Calcutta Port Defence Vols. and that for Railways by Employees of East Indian Railway by 127 and 120 points respectively.

The Annual Competition for the Police Shield, presented by Mr. George Lund Honorary Secretary, Bombay Presidency Centre, for annual, competition amongst the Bombay City Police, was held at the Head Police Office on the 13th March last. The Examiners were:—Lt. J. Fairbairn, R. A. M. C. and Dr. A. H. Deane, C. M. C., B. B. and C. I. Railway. The Shield was won by the "L" Division Team by 40 points. 2 Silver Medals of Merit were presented to the European Inspector in charge of the Squads and 22 Bronze medals to the Native sepoys of the "L" Division winners of the Shield and "D" Division runners up.

Under direction of Mr. H. G. Gell, Commissioner of Police, new First Aid classes for European Officers and Native Sepoys have been started. It has been further arranged to hold the Competition for 1907-08 for the Police Challenge Shield on the 26th of March next.

The following case of First Aid rendered by a Police Officer is worthy of record:—

Sub-Inspector Finan of A. Division was called to an accident at a Printing Press in the Fort. On arrival he found that a machine man had his forearm broken in two places and the main artery severed. He promptly extemporised a tourniquet and splints out of newspapers subsequently removing the patient to the Hospital where he was medically treated and since recovered. The man undoubtedly owes his life to the prompt measures taken by Mr. Finan.

Qualified Members of the St. John Ambulance Association attended duty at the Agakhan Hockey Tournament, Cycling and Mud sports and Motor Carnival. The cases treated numbered 17.

During the Agakhan Hockey Tournament held in Bombay on the Marine Lines Maidan from the 8th to 25th May 1907, two squads of the qualified members of the St. John Ambulance Association attended duty daily with First Aid appliances and a wheeled ambulance. Six cases were attended to out of which three were somewhat serious.

During the Rugby and Rovers Football Tournaments held in Bombay on the Cooperage from the 24th August to 26th September 1907 some qualified members of the Association attended duty daily with First Aid equipment. In all 10 cases were attended to.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES.

At the presentation of Medals and Certificates of the St. John Ambulance Association, held on 7th July 1907, at the premises of Fort and Proprietary High Schools, Elphinstone Circle, Mr. George Lund, Hony. Secry. of the Presidency Centre presided. After presenting the Medals and Certificates in addressing the gathering he said:—

"From the Report just placed before you by Mr. D. N. Marker, you will have seen the progress done by this Centre. I congratulate those Members who have to-day received their Medals and Certificates. This shows what interest the young people take in the Ambulance work. The instruction they have undergone will be of great use in their daily life I hope those who have qualified for First Aid certificates will perserve in their study, go up again for re-examination in a year's time and eventually qualify for Medallions. It is very pleasing to note that Sir. Jamsetji Jijibhai Parsi Benevolent Institution and Tutorial High School have introduced this very useful instruction and I hope other schools will also follow their example. In conclusion I accord my best thanks to Dr. Dinanath Balkrishna Naik Dandekar, L. M. & S., J. P. and Dr. Framroze Nawroji Kapadia, L. M. & S. who with the assistance of Messrs. D. N. Marker and D. F. Panthaki, Hony. Class Organizers have continued to impart instruction in Schools and General classes held under the auspices of this Centre."

During the year First Aid classes were also held at Poona, Pachmarhi, Ajmer, Panchgani, Oorgaum, and Dharwar districts of the Bombay Presidency.

It is very gratifying to report that the Railway Companies of this Presidency and other parts of India are instructing their Employes and have supplied them with Litters and other ambulance materials for rendering First Aid to injured persons.

A SERIOUS railway accident is reported to have taken place on the 16th instant on the Pegu-Moulmein Section, which was recently opened to passenger traffic. Near Waw Station a mixed train was derailed owing to a buffalo being run over, and one third class carriage and one inspection carriage were capsized, while several goods wagons were thrown down the bank. A Sanitary Inspector was seriously injured, while one of his three servants was killed and the two others seriously injured. Considerable damage was done to the rolling-stock and permanent way, the line being torn up for some distance.

LABOUR AND SOCIALISM.

CONTRADICTORY VOTING AT HULL.

"Disaster for the Party."

AN EXCITING MOMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 22.

Notwithstanding yesterday's votes, the Hull Conference adopted, by 510,000 against 469,000, a Resolution in favour of Socialism being the object of the Party.

Great enthusiasm prevailed among the Socialists whose opponents shouted: "You are mad."

Mr. Shackelton declared that the vote would be disastrous to the Labour Party.

THE "AMSTERDAM" COLLISION.

One Boat Missing.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

The "Amsterdam" has been beached. One of the boats, carrying twelve passengers and crew, is missing.

The fog is still most dense.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

No tidings have been received of the "Amsterdam's" missing boat, which, it is now announced, contained twenty-eight persons, of whom twenty-one were passengers.

The dense fog continues impeding the search.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL CONDITIONS.

Gradual Improvement.

PUBLIC MONEYS AND THE BANKS.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

A telegram from Washington states that Mr. Cortelyon announces that owing to the great improvement in financial conditions he has begun a gradual withdrawal, in moderate amounts, of the deposits of public moneys, placed with the National Banks.

THE BANK RATE.

Reduced to 4 Per Cent.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

The Bank Rate has been reduced to 4 per cent.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND JAPANESE.

Enforcing the New Regulations.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

Thirty-one Japanese from Mexico have been prohibited from landing at Vancouver, under the new regulations requiring immigrants to travel direct from their country of origin.

IMMIGRATION INTO CANADA.

Japanese Statesmanship Praised.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

The "Times" and other papers compliment Japanese statesmanship on the settlement with Canada of the immigration question.

THE VETERANS' FUND.

Sixty Thousand Pounds Wanted.

LORD ROBERTS' APPEAL.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

The Crimean and Mutiny Veterans' Fund has reached a total of £16,000. Lord Roberts, presiding at a meeting of the Committee, earnestly urged a larger response in order to rescue a thousand veterans in the workhouses. £60,000, he said, would be necessary.

AFFAIRS IN MOROCCO.

Religious Complications Likely.

LONDON, JANUARY 22.

Morocco advices state that Mulai Hafid has been proclaimed at the holy city of Wazzan. This implies important religious support.

Mulair Hagshid has re-occupied Settat, whence the French withdrew as being beyond the sphere of occupation.

TRANSVAAL BONDS.

First Instalment of the Guaranteed Loan.

LONDON, JANUARY 22.

Tenders are invited for half a million sterling of Transvaal Treasury Bonds, being the first instalment of the Guaranteed Loan.

THE INDIAN LOAN.

LONDON, JANUARY 22.

The Indian Loan is now at 1-1-8 premium.

THE U. S. SQUADRON.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

The American fleet has left Rio de Janeiro.

His Excellency the Viceroy presides at a public meeting at Calcutta of the Dufferin Fund ot-day.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN GERMANY.

SOCIALIST DEMANDS FOR PRUSSIA.

The Reichstag Adamant.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUAYY 22.

The Reichstag and the Imperial Palace were to-day isolated by dense cordons of police armed with revolvers in anticipation of demonstrations in support of the Socialist interpellation demanding the extension of the Reichstag franchise to the Prussian Diet.

Prince von Bulow, amid the protest of the Socialists, refused to discuss the matter which, he said, was outside the Reichstag's domain.

He warned the Socialists that disorderly demonstrations would be vigorously repressed.

They were responsible, he said, for yesterday's bloodshed, and he urged the workers not to be misled.

SPEECH BY MR. CHURCHILL.

Uganda a Good Cotton Field

LANCASHIRE LOCK-OUT MUST BE AVOIDED.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking at Manchester, said he found in Uganda enormous regions where excellent cotton could be grown.

He believed that our possessions in Equatorial Africa, would, in time, prove a valuable adjunct to the cotton supply.

Referring to the cotton lock-out, Mr. Churchill said that he did not believe that Lancashire would imperil the livelihood of millions on an issue which had been narrowed down to a point which could be understood by nobody outside Lancashire.

TROUBLE ON THE PERSIAN FRONTIER.

Scheming Brought to Porte's Notice.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

A telegram from Constantinople states that the Persian Embassy has called the attention of the Porte to the action of Turkish officers and officials on the frontier who are inciting the Persian Sunni Kurds to revolt.

The Persian Commissioner on the frontier has pointed out to Tahir Pasha the uselessness of attempting any settlement of the frontier question unless this agitation ceases.

RECENT TROUBLES IN MYMENSINGH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

The "Indian Daily News" publishes a detailed account by their special correspondent of recent events at Mymensingh.

This points out that the police searches had nothing to do with the detection of the Goalundo criminals nor with the search for fire arms, nor were any firearms found, but that the matter arose from the disappearance of notices concerning the Goalundo crime.

The tearing down of the notices was followed by a tour of the police through the town accompanied by the correspondent who holds by some rough handling of the people and actual thefts.

The next incident was an attack on a patrol of police followed by a large number of arrests and the searching of the houses on several Indian gentlemen by the police. The correspondent holds that this search was unjustifiable and, if undertaken, should been conducted with great respect for the inhabitants.

He adds that active steps have been taken by the Local Government to probe the matter to the bottom, Mr. R. Garligh, Additional District Magistrate, being placed in charge of the enquiry. Also that Babu B. N. Bose and Dr. U. N. Mookerjee have been conducting an unofficial enquiry.

Everything is now quiet.

CAPTAIN KEMP'S CASE.

Order of Madras Government.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JANUARY 23.

The Madras Government have passed orders stating that in consideration of the facts that the decision of the Court in Captain Kemp's case have established that the assault committed by Captain Kemp upon the plaintiff K Krishna Row at Cocanada recently was not unprovoked and that the plaintiff was not nearly so badly hurt as he endeavoured to make out and of the expense to which Captain Kemp had been put by this prosecution the Government consider it unnecessary to impose upon him any further direct punishment and remark that if his further conduct should prove unsatisfactory, steps will be taken to revert him to military duty.

AMRITSAR PATTI RAILWAY.

Earnings for Past Half-Year.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, JANUARY 23.

The approximate gross earnings of the Amritsar-Patti Railway, 1st July to 31st December 1907, come to the respectable total of Rs. 97,400, which, deducting expenses of 45 per cent gives net earning of Rs. 53,570. This on the total capital of 16 lakhs is a return of 3·35 per cent. for the half year or over 7¼ per cent. per annum. Though of course, shareholders cannot expect that this will be divided. It is an excellent result and bids fair to beat that of any other Punjab Railway.

SHAN CHIEF IN CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

Sawlina Yanghwe, a Shan Chief, arrived here to-day by sea.

DEATH OF PANDIT KISORY M. GANGULY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

The death is reported of Pandit Kisory Mohan Ganguly, Oriental Scholar, from dysentery.

NEW CALCUTTA HIGH COURT JUDGE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

Mr. Lal Mohan Dass took his seat upon the High Court Bench here to-day.

MR. CRAWFORD AND MR. ASTON.

Further Details.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, JANUARY 23.

With regard to the recent contretemps between Mr. Arthur Crawford and Mr. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, Mr. Crawford communicates the following to the "Deccan Herald."

"The reporters were not present when I entered his Honour the Presidency Magistrate of the Bombay's Court on the 22nd instant and so the first part of the "Scene In Court" did not appear in print. On public grounds I now supply this deficiency from my notes. I also send you a letter for publication addressed by me to his Worship. Yours, etc.

[Arthur Crawford.

Addendum to the "Painful Scene in Court."

"On 22nd Jannary 1902, on entering the Court Mr. Crawford respectfully saluted his Worship who however did not take any notice. The Clerk of the Court kindly and courteously enabled Mr. Crawford to prepare his information and having stamped it handed it up to His Worship.

Mr. Aston then said: "I wont take this now; it should have been presented at 10 a.m. and must not stand over and complainant must wait until 1-30 p.m."

Mr. Crawford said. "Your Honour, I have come fasting to deliver my complaint and beg that it may be dealt with now as I am very faint and in a critical condition of health and must return to my sick daughter."

His Worship "That does not concern me."

Mr. Crawford: "In my time all magistrates were required to receive all compaints supported by sworn information at any hour and were severely punished for a breach of this obvious duty." After hesitation and eyeing Mr. Crawford scornfully, who still stood respectfully, His Honour said, "well, I will make an exception in this case."

Mr. Crawford replied: "I thank your Honour."

The case then proceeded as already reported.

"Copy of letter from Mr. Crawford to his Honour.

"Connaught Hotel, Poona, 24th Jan., 1902.

"May it please your Worship.—I see in the papers that a summons has been issued to me. I am here the honoured guest of the Proprietor of the Connaught Hotel. I am under medical treatment. Colonel Burke's medical certificate is appended. I have nothing to withdraw and will not retract one word I have already stated in Court nor will it appear as long as you preside in it. There are other Magistrates who are courteous and humane in word and deed. I have., etc.

Arthur Crawford."

THE NEW EDUCATIONAL ACT.

Enforcing Hindu Colleges to Conform.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, JANUARY 23.

The period of grace allowed by the Punjab Educational authorities to the management of the Hindu College, Delhi for the submission of definite plans for a necessary new College buildings with modern equipments, fully abreast of the Government standard requirements, expired last month. One ascertains that the Directorate has only gathered some sixty or seventy thousand rupees in promised subscriptions of the Hindu community while the actual requirements to prevent disaffiliation in complying with Government requirements approximate to two lakhs of rupees. The S. P. G. and Cambridge Mission, Delhi., who compete with Governments Schools in the field of Indian education are building a new Zenana Hospital equally in Hindu and Mahomedan interests and are appealing for ten thousand rupees to complete the main Hospital block of this new building, the total expense having been under estimated.

The buildings the foundation stone of which was laid by H. E. Lady Minto in December 1905 now near completion. The Shamsi Talab mosque with platform and entrance gates in Delhi district were recently declared by the "Punjab Gazette" Notification as a protected monument under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act is probably the mosque better known as the Aulia Musjid adjacent to Shamsi Talab and situated beyond Mahrauli village on Gurgaon road. South Futale minar.

Tradition ascribes its building to the three Mahomedan saints Mohm-ud-Din Chisti buried at Ajmer, Kwaji Kutbuddin Kuaki, tutor to Shamsuddin Altamash builder of Qutab Minar and Baba Farid whose tomb is at pakpatan, Montgomery district.

MAHOMEDAN MEETING AT LAHORE.

Resolutions Passed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, JANUARY 23.

A meeting of the Muhammadans of Lahore was convened at the Islamia Hall at which Maulvi Fazal-ud-din, Pleader, presided, and moved the first Resolution as follows:—That this Meeting beg to express their heartfelt regret at Sir Denzil Ibbetson's retirement, and beg further to tender their sympathy and pray that God may restore His Honour to health.

Mir Fazal Hussain then proposed the second Resolution:—That this Meeting express their regret at the British Imperial Government having failed to veto the law passed by the Transvaal Government under which law His Imperial Majesty's Indian subjects living in the Transvaal are subjected to grave hardships and indignities, and most humbly and respectfully pray the Local and the Imperial Governments to draw the attention of the British Imperial Government to these representations.

Chowdhri Nabi Bakhsh, Pleader, moved the third Resolution:—That the Punjab Muhammadans express there sincere thanks to the Viceroy and His Imperial Majesty on the elevation of Maulvi Sayad Karamat Hussain, Barrister-at-law, to the Allahabad High Court Bench.

The mover referred to the All-India Muslim Deputation which waited upon Lord Minto in 1906 and explained how the promises held out were fulfilled by the elevation of Mr. Sharafud-din, Barrister-at-Law to the Calcutta High Court and by the recent appointment of Maulvi Sayad Karamat Hussain.

Maulvi Muhammad Fazal-ud-din moved the fourth Resolution:—That the Punjab Muhammadous Assembled here express their entire satisfaction and pleasure at the appointment of Sir Louis Dane to the office of Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab.

WEEKLY PLAGUE REPORT.

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

The plague mortality is slightly increasing and the number of deaths in the week ending 18th instant was 3,150, being 327 more than in the previous seven days. Bombay reports 719, Mysore State 736, the United Provinces 449, Bengal 298, Burma 227, the Punjab 220, the Central Provinces and Berar 178, the Madras Presidency 139, Rajputana 97, Hyderabad State 57 and Central India 30.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S DEPARTURE.

H. E. the Governor, Sir George Sydenham Clarke left Bombay yesterday by a special train for touring in Gujerat and was accompanied by Lady Clarke, Miss Clarke, Mr. P. R. Cadell, I.C.S. Private Secretary, Captain J. G. Greig, Military Secretary, Dr. H. Cogill, Surgeon to His Excellency and Captain E. G. Drummond, Aide-de-Camp. His Excellency on arrival at the Grant Road Station was received by Mr. Dwarkadas Dharamsey, Sheriff of Bombay. The "special" was timed to reach Baroda at 5-37 a.m.

SANITATION OF DELHI CITY.

Great Improvement Effected.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, JANUARY 23.

Though plague has occurred in other districts of the Delhi Division, including those areas affected by the prevailing scarcity, no cases are yet reported in Delhi City, although plague has occurred outside in villages of the Delhi and Sonepal Tehils. The sanitation of Delhi City continues much improved owing to strict European supervision. Some better revision of Municipal sanitary economy has latterly occurred and one important proposal, now pending decision, is the employment of the entire present staff of Municipal sweepers on full time at full pay against the present system of half time occupation, thus doubling the efficiency of the existing sanitary arrangements. Such a measure would involve an increased annual expenditure of some Rs. 7,000, but the authorities regard this as a premium paid on revenue in asmuch as Municipal finances suffer considerably under many heads in an epidemic such as plague which early last year caused a general exodus and panic in the City with practical suspension of business for three months.

A fair progress is reported in the local work of rat destruction. On the abolishing of the post of Sanitary Superintendent some months since the Municipality obtained sanction to the appointment of a special Health Officer. The selection for the vacancy rests with the Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals and the post has apparently not yet been filled.

ASSAULT ON MOTOR-CAR DRIVERS.

Case Savouring of Mediæval Times.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

A case which the learned Judge said reminded him of mediæval days came up to-day before Justices Rampini and Sharfuddin. It was an appeal by Jugul Narain Singh and Mitter who were convicted by a Deputy Magistrate of Mozufferpore and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment and fines ranging from Rs. 200 to Rs. 500 for an assault on Mr. and Mrs. Toomey of Kanti Factory while they were driving home in a motor-car.

It appears that the accused were assembled on the road at a spot where a number of bricks were placed. Mr. Toomey pulled up his car when one of the accused aimed a lathi blow which struck Mrs. Toomey on the knee. The accused were later arrested, identified, tried and convicted as stated.

Mr. Eardley Norton who appeared for the accused attempted to prove an alibi and that even if they had seen the briels on the road they were not bound to inform Mr. Toomey of the fact. Counsel admitted that one of the accused had a lathi and that if one man aimed a lathi blow it was not evidence to connect the other accused.

Their Lordships issued a Rule to show cause why the conviction should not be set aside or the sentence reduced, but refused bail.

HON. MR. BAYLEY IN CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

Hon. Mr. C. S. Bayley. Resident, Hyderabad, arrived here to-day.

Mr. Claude Hill and Colonel Daly left this evening for their repective Residencies.

ESSAY ON "FUTURE OF INDIA."

Mr. Laidlaw's Prize.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

"Max" writes in "Capital" that Mr. Robert Laidlaw M. P, is about to offer a prize of Rs. 2,000 for the best essay on the future political development of the Indian people.

SIR DENZIL IBBETSON'S DEPARTURE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, JANUARY 23.

Sir Denzil and Lady Ibbetson, accompanied by Miss Ibbetson, Miss Griffiths and Captain D. R. Robertson. A. D. C., who has received special sanction to go home with the Lieutenant-Governor left Lahore on Wednesday night at 21-52 by special train for Amritsar where their carriages were attached to the Mail for Bombay. By particular desire their departure was strictly private and only a few old friends and most intimate associates with the Lieutenant-Governor were present at the station.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

Mr. W. R. C. Jewell was to-day elected Commander in the Naval Division of the Port Defence Corps.

MAJOR BONHAM CARTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JANUARY 23.

Major Bonham-Carter, R. E., Agent, of the Madras Railway Company, has availed himself of one year's furlough. He will leave for Calcutta on the 25th instant to attend the Railway Conference, and will then proceed to England via Bombay.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

Madame Harmston Love is to be congratulated on the great success of her grand Circus Troupe on the occasion of their first appearance in Bombay last evening.

The Mammoth Pavilion on the Maidan was well filled and there was hardly a failure in the large number of feats of skill and daring accomplished by the excellent acrobats, wire walkers, &c. The Frantz Troupe on the Roman rings and in their refined acrobatic Drawing Room Entertainment and the Bounding Pattersons in their great Trampolin Bar Act their marvellous double somersaults and bounding feats were perhaps the most attractive part of the performance; while the Midshipman aloft by Almiro created quite a sensation among the throng in the Gallery by his daring feats on the perpendicular bar suspended from the roof of the Pavilion. The comic element was well supplied by the Decars Brothers and the family of "Nevertires." The songs and dances of the Collins Princess Quartette, although perhaps not of much interest to the native portion of the audience, were pretty and elicited much applause Willie Harmston-Love, who has grown a good deal lately, was very successful in his Somersault riding; as was also Nellie Harmston-Love in her acts of Equitation. The conduct of the pretty little Shetland Ponies reflected much credit on their trainer, Alp: Ryan and the working "Tornato" proved to what a degree it is possible even to train an Ass. The rounds of applause which greeted almost every artiste last evening testified to the great appreciation of the audience and to the high degree of skill evidenced. This Circus Troupe promisee to be in our midst for some time so that all may have the opportunity of spending a really enjoyable evening in witnessing their marvellous performances. The Matinnee tomorrow afternoon is for the special benefit of the children and every Pater familias should embrace the opportunity thus afforded of giving his children a rare treat which they will remember for years with much pleasure.

AN OFFENCE TO MODERN CULTURE.

"Ja, was man so erkennen heisst!
"Wer darf dis kind beim rechten Namen nennen?"
Aw! this is what man knowledge names!
Who dare style the child by its own name?

The highest expression of the Ineffable according to ancient history, and the most competent living adepts is to be found in the teachings of the Magi. We have fallen on a time when all greed is centered in political situations, or in scientific chieftainship. The one yields honours and profits without expense of honesty or knowledge. The other makes of savants the vassals of "what-will-people-say-to-it," giving them in exchange liberty, notoriety and opulence. The beginning of the 20th century has thus been misleading us into desperate materialism, or into levelling positivism. But there exist a few illuminati, an offence to modern culture—whom the knowing ones call "thinkers behind time, fit for Bedlam." These are guardians of that hidden knowledge, the science of the real, which

"Die wenigen. die was davon erkannt,
"Hat man von je gekreuzigt and verbrannt"
(The few who somewhat of these things have known,
Have died on crosses or in flames been thrown).

They alone have perceived the universal concert of the metaphysical faiths of humanity.

THAT-HERMES.

For those who are in love with archaism, the happiness of humanity depends on cabalistic formulas, and the real solution of the social question is to come from Tibet and India, where alone the highest science has been preserved in its integrity. They affirm on the faith of those who have seen and heard them that there are in these mysterious lands a few of that secret Brotherhood still living, who were the contemporaries and the disciples of That-Hermes the great legislator of the occult. At this rate these survivors of vanished civilisations would number their years by 4,000 or more. For to go back to the days they were rocked in their cradle, we must betake ourselves to an epoch far anterior to that of Moses, since the prophet was initiated in the school of the Magi of Egypt, the predecessors of those of Chaldea. We would certainly protest against the probability of a like assertion. Human life has always been much more ephemeral. A centenarian appears a phenomenon of longevity in our days. What to think then of those millenarians! For us they are fabulous existences, and we make game of those —and very rightly too—who profess to believe in such absurdities. But when side by side with such stories, there are others not less improbable supported by serious testimony, need we not pause to examine, ere we pass them by with a derisive sneer?

THE BURIED FAKIR COMES BACK TO LIFE.

There is a modern event to the credit of adepts in occultism, the authenticity of which is vouched for by British authorities, charged with controlling it, despite which it did take place in 1833. A Hindu mystic, who said he could live underground from seed-time to harvest, was laid in a coffin, closed, sealed and then consigned to a deep grave. After the sod was turned, the site of the grave was sown with grain. To make matters doubly sure an English guard of soldiers was posted to keep watch over the tomb day and night. Thus the experiment was conclusive. Six months later when the crop was ready for being cut, the coffin was disinterred, and the body taken out. At first they thought he had passed away. But when a few passes were made and his body rubbed according to the instructions given by him before burial he really came back to life and to health. With people of primitive civilisations, elsewhere as in India, there are found men who render themselves—or appear so—insensible to physical pain, swallow poisons with impunity and handle venomous serpents. Do they owe this special immunity to the practice of the occult? A few affirm it while others see in it but the consequence of special maladies or organisations, or the apparent phantasmagoria of hidden dodges. Whatever may be the cause of it, real science, neurosis, or juggling, ancient history teems with a host of analogous facts.

TAKE THE LEVITICUS.

It tells us how the Magians of Pharaoh strove with prodigies against the miracles of Moses. Thus by their cabalistic formulas they changed the dust into gnats, water into blood, and a rod into a snake. And the only superiority of Moses over them was that his snake, which was Jehovah's miracle—devoured theirs, a magical creation. Now this is not commonsense is it? Nor is the astrology of the Chaldeans, the Cabbala of the Hebrews, the Theurgy of the Arabs, the Magic of the Middle Ages, like frost and famine, disease and debt, the beadles and guardsmen that hold us to common-sense. With what self-complacency do we not boast of this latter, as if the prerogative of reason was the birth right only of modern times! Imprisoned as we are in the senses, we help them with foot-rule and scales and clock. They affirm to us the sun moves and the earth stands still. Because the senses take in the surface facts of matter. This is further proved by holding the savants hard to principle and definition. Ask them what is beauty? What matter? What motion? And they soon come to Sankhya, Nyaya and the Vedanta philosophies which teach that the world of sense and time is a delusion and a snare. The invisible and the imponderable is the sole fact, the million manifestations being set to flow ever on to a devouring unity. The study of the laws of heat, light and electricity teach us how sense-limitations absolutely cramp human consciousness and make us blind and deaf.

REASON, A CLUMSY WEAPON.

However proud we may be of our reason, with all its subtle sophistries—it is but a clumsy weapon, being dependent on the senses. The scientist may well lay store by it. The seer does not. He looks to intuition—the direct light received from his shining Augoeides, no other than the Demon of Socrates—for unerring guidance. How the boasted refulgence of reason's lamp pales before the skill of the hound Maida in tracing Sir Walter Scott! Could Nansen's or Stanley's have exceeded it? So also before the migratory voyage of a martin or a nightingale. Never was Burton's or Spike's journey so wonderful.

PSYCHIC SCIENCE.

We have been labouring after knowledge hitherto under the impression that it is to be obtained by more thinking, more study, more collected evidence along the old lines—that is to say with the help of the old faculties by means of the human understanding. Locke wrote about. We have forgotten we have that within ourselves which developed properly enables us to acquire real knowledge of religious truth, of good and evil, of the absolute verities of nature at the fountain head of knowledge for ourselves. The process of developing this inner power of discerning the truth is psychic science. One may need guides for the purpose. But its teaching is not that such and such a doctrine is to be accepted on authority however exalted; only that such and such a course of training will awaken dormant faculties by means of which truth in that direction can be perceived by a man for himself. Then begins a disgust for the so-called real. "Quam sordet tellus dum coelumas picio!" says a celebrated mystic, which literally means how foul the earth is when I look to heaven!

PESTONJI DORABJI KHANDALAVALA.

SMALL-POX IN DELHI.

Many Cases among Telegraphists.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, JANUARY 23.

An outbreak of small-pox has occurred amongst the European Military signallers at Delhi Telegraph office, several being in hospital, resulting from inadequate and overcrowded housing capacity available for the staff. The present building, adjacent to the working office, has been condemned by the Civil Surgeon and the operators are now under canvas pending further arrangements. The question of rehousing the telegraph staff is included in the scheme of rebuilding the Central Post and Telegraph Offices, together with the new Law Courts, sites for all of which are understood to have been selected in the vicinity outside and north of the Mori Gate of the city walls. The matter is now awaiting orders of Government of India.

Sir Denzil Ibbetson passed through Delhi by Down Punjab mail this morning en route to Bombay.

Mr. Hari Nath De has been confirmed, the "Empire" states, as Imperial Librarian.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

TRADE IN MANCHURIA.

Wholesale Drapery Business

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JANUARY 3.

A correspondent at Newchwang sends the following account of the position and prospects of business in Manchuria:—"The last steamer left here on the 27th November, and the port is now closed, although the ice is still floating about the river in great packs and has not yet properly set. We have already experienced 23 degrees of frost, but the 'cold' weather has yet to come, in about a month's time and the unusual number of birds from the north and other similar signs are said to portend an exceptionally severe winter. So far, however, we have not suffered very much from the cold, and have not felt it anything like last winter at home, as the atmosphere is so much drier here and the days usually bright and sunny. This has been one of the worst business years, if not the worst, ever known in Manchuria—probably the aftermath of the war. Heavy failures have taken place, one big hong alone here failing for Ts. 5,000,000, and trade has been almost paralysed in consequence. Merchants appear to have bought high (speculatively) at the close of the war, and to have held on to stocks at gradually augmenting storage charges in the vain hope of prices going up—a state of things which was bound to come to a head at last. We now hope that we have seen the worst of it. The Japanese, even, have not been doing much, beyond gradually tightening their grasp on the country. All stocks are small, but what piece goods are coming in seem largely Japanese imitations, of greater length and cheaper price than the British. Why do you enterprising Manchester people not send out an expert to spend three months ferreting round here and seeing exactly what is wanted, and get your Shanghai hongs to open branches in Newchwang, Mukden, and Kwang-cheng-tze, and make the British banks out here open too, and support you, as the Japanese and even the Germans are doing? The possibilities of the country are enormous, and if you don't grasp them promptly Manchuria will share the fate of Corea at the hands of the Japanese."

The export drapery trade with America is still feeling the effects of the financial crisis. As in the case of the St. Gall embroidery manufacturers, referred to in these Notes on Saturday, shippers in the North of England appear to have confidence in the situation, although few if any textile exporting centres in this country, Pelfast excepted, are so closely concerned with the New York market as the two great embroidery centres of the Continent, St. Gall and Plauen. In the case of Manchester much of the United States trade is with firms of high standing, as to whose financial position no fears are entertained. The business is not sufficient in volume to encourage the opening of a large number of accounts, and the New York and Chicago houses, which buy a large proportion of the Manchester goods shipped to the United States, are in possession of ample reserves to carry them through such periods of stress as those recently experienced One feature of the situation across the Atlantic, affecting a small number of English manufacturers, may be noted. Temporarily the Continent, with its very important American export trade in textiles, finds the demand considerably reduced. Usually in such circumstances special attention is paid to the English market, and of late special offers of silk and other goods have been made by French, Swiss, and German firms whose Transatlantic business for the time being has of necessity been curtailed. In certain cases the goods thus thrown on the hands of foreign producers are not suitable for our own market, but this is not always so, with the result that sales indirectly affecting the interests of English silk firms are made.

It is reported that the cotton brokers of Fall River have united with other brokers of New England in an organisation named the New England Cotton Claim Freight Bureau, for the systematic tracing of lost cotton. They have appointed a former special cotton agent for the Star Union Line as agent for the new organisation. Hitherto it has been the custom for each cotton broker to trace out for himself cotton consigned to him and lost in transit, the broker, of course, being responsible to the mill, whom he has had to reimburse within a reasonable time, recouping himself from the carriers or the seller of the cotton. This of course took much time, as an individual was not accorded that prompt attention which a powerful organisation can command. Cotton shipments are, as a rule, loosely handled; thousands of bales are lost annually, and practically every carrying company that handles cotton in large quantities accumulates what are known as "blind bales." The new scheme, of course, is experimental, but there is little doubt it will be a most valuable aid to business.

The Russian flax and jute trade has increased very rapidly during the last few years, and there are those who say that Russia will be the linen-producing country of the future. Russian crashes and towellings have established a name for themselves in European markets, and neither British nor French makers can compete sucessfully in these particular lines. Lille is a large customer of Russia both for raw material and fabrics. With the object of affording greater facilities a through service of goods trains has been established between Russia and the district served by the lines of the Northern Railway of France. The trains will be made up at Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Warsaw with waggons specially suited for carrying flax and linen in trusses. After leaving Russian territory, they will travel over the German lines, through Belgium, and so to Lille, where they will be distributed over the linen-manufacturing area. These through trains will bring the flax fields of Russia into close touch with the spindles and looms of the valley of the Lys.

The opinion that the price of tin is far too high, in consideration of commercial and industrial conditions throughout the world, is evidently gaining strength. No doubt various artificial means will be employed to bolster up the market, and in view of its limited extent rash "bears" will be caught from time to time and squeezed, but in the end a lower level of values is practically certain. The "Ironmonger" gives the probable total of arrivals of the metal at Singapore and Penang during December as about 6,300 tons, and this suggests at once that tin has been kept back and hoarded previously. A policy of this kind may temporarily support prices and inconvenience operators, but it is a sure sign of inherent weakness. Tin went up about £100 per ton simply because the supply was short; now it is almost certain that the supply is greater than the demand. There have been some lively scenes in the market, but the tendency recently has been again downwards, and it is noticeable that the premium on three months' metal has been declining. The effect of the American industrial slump upon the tin market has not yet been fully appreciated.

We have received from Mr. Alfred B. Shepperson of New York, a copy of the new edition of his well-known handbook "Cotton Facts," which is dated December, 1907. Besides the usual statistical matter it contains a review of the past season, a discussion of the prospects for 1908, and articles on trading in cotton futures at New York, New Orleans, and Liverpool, on the crop-reporting methods of the United States Department of Agriculture, and on the cotton-manufacturing industry of the United States, the last contributed by Mr. G. O. Draper, of Northrop loom fame. Other articles deal with the cotton industry abroad, the boll weevil, and Egyptian and Peruvian cotton. Mr. Shepperson thinks that including linters the commercial crop of the United States this season will, probably be from 12,000,000 to 12,300,000 bales, of much higher grade and greater spinning value than the last crop, and he believes that there will be during the season an amply sufficient supply of American cotton for the wants of spinners.

Whilst the financial troubles in America are by no means yet over, it is recognised that the acute crisis is past, and the reduction of the Bank of England rate yesterday to 6 per cent is a proof of better conditions. Meanwhile financial authorities in New York, like Mr. Henry Clews, are reminding us that, after all, things might have been a good deal worse. Mr. Clews says that the financial strength of the agriculturists, whose farms produced doll7,000,000,000 worth of wealth last year, will prove no mean bulwark against the attacks of depression, and he maintains that the "mercantile and industrial conditions are generally sound and free from the oversupply which characterised the panic of 1893. The cotton mills of the country are in an especially sound condition financially, and to avoid the consequences of overproduction are generally following a policy of curtailment. In fact, in all of the merchandise markets there is little or no complaint of overproduction, the only weakness being in occasional cases of unwise expansion and over-extension of credit. In such instances the present condition of the money market may cause some embarrassment, especially should diminished consumption and lower prices, which are inevitable, make any serious inroads upon profits. We emerge from the panic, therefore, with the mercantile and industrial situation generally sound, and with the signs of reaction chiefly limited to interests which have been excessively stimulated by extraordinary expenditures of the railroads and unusal real estate activity. Thus it is gradually being demonstrated that our difficulties are largely financial, that to a very great extent this has been a Wall-street panic, and that there are reasons for believing that it effects will not be as widespread as that of its predecessors in 1893 and 1903." Further comfort is derived from the foreign trade statistics, which show increased exports and diminished imports.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Major C. H. Lewis, 35th Scinde Horse, to be Cantonment Magistrate at Jacobabad, in addition to his Military duties, vice Lieutenant H. R. Dyer.

Major Lewis is also appointed, to be a Magistrate of the First Class in the Upper Sind Frontier District.

Mr. S. J. Murphy, I. C. S., Assistant Judge and Additional Sessions Judge, Satara, is granted such privilege leave as may be due to him on the 1st March or such future date as he may avail himself of it, in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to eighteen months.

The Governor-General in Council is pleased to invest Mr. G. S. Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Rajputana-Malwa Railway, and Magistrate of the Second Class, Rajputana-Malwa Railway, with power, under to pass sentences of whipping.

Mr. A. S. A. Westropp, I. C. S., an Officiating Collector in Class III of the Imperial Customs Service, is confirmed in his appointment with effect from the 14th July.

Mr. A. S. A. Westropp, I. C. S., a Collector in Class III of the Imperial Customs Service, officiated in Class II from the 11th September to the 10th October.

Mr. J. Ghosal, I. C. S., on relief, to be Assistant Collector, Surat.

Messrs. O. H. B. Starte, I. C. S., J. Nissim, I.C.S., and R. M. Maxwell, I. C. S., have now completely passed the Higher Standard Departmental Examination.

Mr. H. J. Keess was appointed substantive pro. tem. Assistant Collector of Excise, East Khandesh, West Khandesh and Nasik Districts on Rs. 400 per mensem from the 1st to the 25th November, both days inclusive.

Mr. H. S. Lawrence, I. C. S., has been allowed to return to duty before the expiry of his leave.

Mr. R. L. Sinclair, Assistant Collector of Sale Revenue, Bombay, has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. J. R. R. Wilson to be Chief Inspector of Mines in India with effect from the 9th January.

Mr. T. J. Stephen to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Port of Karachi vice Mr. D. McIver, resigned.

Mr. W. D. Sheppard, I. C. S., has been elected by the Municipal Corporation, Bombay, as their representative on the Board of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute vice Mr. S. M. Edwardes, I. C. S., resigned.

Lieutenant-Colonel T. D. Collis Barry, I. M. S., has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Poona Volunteer Rifles.—Major Walter Victor Scudamore, R. E., to be Commandant, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel vice Gibb, resigned. Dated 28th October.

Mr. J. E. B. Hotson, I. C. S., to be Under Secretary to Government, Revenue, Financial and Separate Departments, vice Mr. G. Monteath, B. A. (Cantab.), I. C. S, and to continue to act as Under Secretary to Government, Political and Judicial Departments, vice Mr. P. W. Monie, B. A. (Oxon.), I. C. S., on deputation, pending further orders.

Mr. J. E. C. Jukes, I. C. S., to act as Under Secretary to Government, Revenue and Financial Departments, pending further orders.

Mr. G. Monteath, B.A. (Cantab.), I. C. S, to be Second Assistant.

Mr. A. D. Brown, B.A. (Oxon.), I. C. S., to be Supernumerary Assistant Collector.

Mr. A. W. Hanckel, Assoc. M. Inst C.E, M.Sc., Temporary Engineer under covenant, is transferred from the Central Division for duty under the Superintending Engineer on Special Duty (Protective Works).

Mr. W. F. Stuart-Menteth, Temporary Engineer, is appointed an Electric Inspector under the Indian Electricity Act III with effect from 1st July 1907.

The following reversion ordered in the Superior Accounts Branch with effect from the 12th December: Mr. W. R. Stevenson, from Deputy Examiner, Class I temporary, to Deputy Examiner, Class II, officiating.

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

Debate on Budget Concluded.

A meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Chambers, Mr. James Macdonald being called to the chair in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Vithaldas Damodher Thackersey, the President. The debate on the Budget Estimates for the year 1908-09 was concluded, and at the request of the President the Secretary declared that the Revenue Expenditure for the year 1908-09, as finally passed, amounted to Rs. 1,00,83,653; that the total revenue for the year, including the opening balance, amounted to Rs. 1,14,71,829 and that the closing balance would,

SPORTING NEWS.

BOMBAY HUNT.

The fixture yesterday morning was at the Jackal Club, and some fifty to sixty people assembled on the flats beneath the club by the light of the moon, as the sun seemed to take longer to show his face than usual. It was a still morning, and as the ground was covered with a heavy dew the indications of a good scenting day were as could be wished. The M. F. H. was the recipient at the Meet of many congratulations with regard to the successful action he had taken the previous day in the settlement of the strike of the G. I. P. Railway employes. It was Lord Beaconsfield or Lord Salisbury, who publicly stated that the best person in the world to settle disputes, inter-national or otherwise, was either an Admiral or a Master of Hounds, and the skilful diplomacy displayed by our M. F. H. undoubtedly manifested the truth of the statesman's remarks. As soon as daylight had come to our assistance a move was made for the old Teakwood Covert in the direction of Parla, and on reaching the dry tank, the hounds at once owned to the scent of a jackal. Galloping away over a fine line of rice-fields with the "music" of the pack echoing through the air, we negociate a stout cactus hedge, and then have to steer our way as best we can over an execrable piece of melon ground, but leaving this melon bed behind us we gallop at rare speed as far as Chuckla Hi l. The pack sweeps up a very steep side of the hill, but most of the riders make use of a handy lane for some little distance, which leads them into the pretty Chuckla Groves, and working our way through this firlmy turfed area some first class cactus fencing is exprienced. Cutting through the village we dive down the hill beyond and out into the open Bomanwadi Valley, across which we travel at racing speed. Keeping well to the left of Sahar village plenty of banks and an occasional stone wall have to be surmounted, and then that oft recurring winding nullah. Some people thought they were never going to rid themselves of it, as it honestly seemed as if we had to jump into this nullah and scramble up the steep side beyond at least a dozen times. Hounds now swerved to the right running to a certain extent parallel with the nullah, and a slight check occurred close by a Market garden, but it was only a very temporary lull in the proceedings, as a hound soon again speaks to the scent and with the rest of the pack joining in his lead, the hunt is continued in the direction of Kalina. On arriving at the road which runs from this village to Kurla to our great delight the hounds turn to the left and take us straight down the road. It looked to many, before we reached this road, that the jackal had set his mask for the creek, which cannot be crossed on horseback, and the muddy swamps all round about do not add to the enjoyment of either the rider or the horse. Thankfully, therefore, following the pack down the road we cross the black iron bridge with the jackal in full view about fifty yards ahead of the hounds. He pilots them up the steep sides of a quarry which no horse could climb, so we turn to the left as soon as we have crossed the bridge, and work round by the road into the town of Kurla. A considerable check occurred in the enclosure on the bank of the immense tank of water, and many people thinking the hunt would have to be abandoned moved off to Sahar so as to be in readiness with fresh horses for a second run, as these coverts were to be drawn should time permit. There is however many a slip twixt the cup and the lip. The huntsman refused to admit that he was beaten, and was to be seen on foot running round the slopes of the tank urging his hounds not to give up hope. It seemed too good to be true, but to the delight of those who had not left the pack the hounds pick up the scent again, and rush over the rice-fields in the direction of Ghat Cooper, but before reaching the village they tear across the main turnpike road, and through the woods between the road and the Hogsback Hill. It is difficult working our way through these trees, and having at times to jump some tidy sized stone walls, and in doing so it was not an easy matter to keep free from the protruding branches of the trees. With the music of the pack ahead of us, however, one will somehow or other steer a course through a neighbourhood, which at other times one would not be so anxious to negociate, and following hounds as best we can we finally arrive into the great Horse Shoe Valley, the immense expanse of which opened up before us in the early morning sunlight with all its grandeur. The hunt is carried on along the middle of this beautiful valley for a considerable distance, and then the hounds take a sharp turn to the left up one of the steepest sides of the range of almost mountains which runs from Kurla to Powai. The fugitive is to be seen, not a couple of yards ahead of the leading hounds, looking dead beat with his tongue hanging out. It appeared to be only a matter of moments for the pack to terminate its efforts with lawful success; but it was not such an easy matter as it seemed. Hounds run round and round on the summit of the hill, the jackal evidently endeavouring to find some suitable hiding place amongst the rocks with which this hill is crowned. Not being able to discover any adequate haven of rest, the jackal attempts to run down the South-West side of the hill, but game animal as he was, his strength is almost spent, and the pack overtakes him before he had got half way down Many people who had turned back round the hill and were waiting in the paddy fields beneath at the finish of the hunt may not, perhaps, be aware that it was at the exact spot where they were standing when that famous Bombay sportsman, the late Mr. G. K. Remington, so tragically fell dead from heart disease almost precisely three years ago, when in the midst of a fast gallop with the hounds.

Hounds next meet on the 26th instant at Sahar Hill.

JACKAL.

BOMBAY RACES.

7th Extra Meeting.

HORSES LEFT IN.

Saturday, January 25.

After declaration of forfeit at 6 p. m. on Thursday 23rd January.

THE LINGFIELD PLATE.—1 Mile 1 furlong. Admiral Crichton, Circuit, Royalist, Oakton, and Faded Lily.

THE HURST PARK PLATE.—5 furlongs. Forfeit, Peria Doray, Cossack, Alruna, Lady Lomond. Comeback Lady Nannie, Baritone, Vocalist, April Fool, Faded Lily, Zotique and Lady Medb.

THE MATONGA PLATE.—1 Mile. Rashid, Melbourne, Antica, Talal, Saltcook, Hadee, Recruit Deonar, Court Martial; Salaam, Moonim, Dhamas, Company, Nooman, Sahoon, Lummah, Dumra, Kastantil, The Barb, Royal Red and Sir Jamal.

THE DADAR PLATE.—7 furlongs. Gold Mint, Herrical, Antica, Fredrick, Grey Falcon, Court Martial, Osborne, King Cobweb, Darby, Tashreet, Mint, Vasco, Hermit, Mudlool, Salacie, Dumra, Moscow, Ashroff, False Start, Hazza and Wadi.

THE MAHIM PLATE.—6 furlongs. Basheer, Grey Falcon, Rugub, Yatim, Amood, Caravan, Settler, Scimitar, Mint, Hermit, Young Gazell, Mudlool, Creditor and Rufus.

DIVISION OF THE BEGINNERS PLATE.—5 furlongs.—Rajah Bahadur, Lookman, Virtuous Boy, Hooded Falcon, Mountain King, Uganda, Zari, Fattah-l Kher, Gatling, Lonzo, Good Morning, Murhaba, Hoodaib, Print Craft, Saraband, Esar, Transfer, Rising Falcon, My Pet, Sir Askar, Fav, Saree, Narsin, Nofa, Orbit, Vanraj, Bassum, Good Chance, Dardanelles, Mudkoor, Taruk, Najmi, Barrick, Maimoon, Voucher, Ateyba, British Flag, Great Power, Malik Jaman, Clarke, Dishguise, Thamir, Little Gail, Arcadia, Safoog, Devon, Martyn, Begler Beg, Astoria, Garbun, Rogers, and Jassus.

Cecil Gray,
Secretary, W. J. T. C.

Bombay, 23rd January 1908.

CALCUTTA RACES.

Betting on the Civil Service Cup.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

The following is the latest betting on the Civil Service Cup:—

4 to 1 against Fabius.
5 to 1 each First Bell, Circus Girl and The Point.
6 to 1 Wal, Devon, Son of a Gun and Fortune.
8 to 1 Matin Bell and Lorette
10 to 1 Eileen, Gyrtle, Coin, Hooded Monk, Outlaw, Sago, Lady Midget and May Queen.

BILLIARDS.

Stevenson versus Mike Elias.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAWNPORE, JANUARY 23.

Stevenson the English billiard Champion, met Mike Elias, the Champion of India in an exhibition game of 1,000 up at the Hazari Club last evening, Elias getting a start of 500. He was however in poor form and his highest breaks were 51, 42 and 30 while Stevenson made breaks of 188, 90, 85 and many sixties and seventies.

The game began at 9-45 and ended at 12 midnight, the game standing thus:

Stevenson 1,000. Elias 841. The latter made only 341 points.

A game of snookers followed Elias getting a start of 20 point. Elias won by 21 points, the game starting at 64 to 43.

Stevenson gave a fine display of anchor cannoning and potting the ball while in motion and cannoning while in motion. Some of his strokes seemed impossible.

A large audience of the Military and Civil was present.

BECHTLER HOCKEY CUP.

Durhams Win the Semi-Finals.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAWNPORE, JANUARY 23.

The second round in the Semi-finals in Bechtler Hockey tournament Cup, between the Cawnpore Gymkhana and the Durham Light Infantry was played off this evening in the presence of a large number of spectators. Owing to O'Connor having a bad leg he was unable to play up to usual form which rendered the Backs of the Gymkhana team rather weak. The Durhams played an exceedingly good game scoring 3 goals in the first half and 2 in the second half, while the Gymkhana made only 2 goals one in each half. The game resulted in a victory for the Durhams by 5 to 2 which puts the Durhams in for the finals. Last year the Durhams were also the runners up for the Cup, but were knocked out by the Jhandsi Gymkhana.

CRICKET.

The Turf vs. the Stage.

Yesterday on the Oval an interesting match was played between members of the Stage and the Turf. The Stage were first to go in but made a very poor start, three wickets going down before double figures were reached. Fischer was the only one to make a stand till Snow came in and eventually with free play the score rose past the half century. Brown keeping a good length was the most successful bowler.

The Turf also made a very poor start, Mannering doing damage with slow breaks, and seven wickets were down for 21. Jackson was playing a steady, pretty game and looked like being left not out till a native substitute was sent in. He proved to be quite a scientific bat and the Turf owe their victory in a large measure to him as not only did he score well but kept his end up for Jackson who played an excellent innings.

The Turf won by only 17 runs and the Stage going in again made 60 for 5 wickets, Snow making 14 and Colvin and Young both not out with 16 and 13 respectively. Following are scores:—

THE STAGE.

Mr Shipjack, b Conway	1
Mr J Young, run out	2
Mr E R Fischer, c Jackson, b Brown	25
Mr Mannering, b Conway	0
Mr Ward, b Brown	6
Mr Henry, b Brown	0
Mr Colvin, b Brown	2
Mr Snow, not out	20
Mr Squibs, b Brown	0
Mr Madon, b Conway	5
Extras	1
Total	62

THE TURF.

Mr Brown, c Snow, b Mannering	4
Mr Falconer, b Mannering	7
Mr Whittenbury, run out	0
Mr W Jackson, b Snow	32
Mr Tyler, b Mannering	4
Mr Hodgkinson, b Mannering	0
Mr Conway, b Mannering	1
Mr Valedares, b Mannering	0
Mr Lal Topee	31
Extras	1
Total	79

In the second innings the theatrical profession made 60 runs for the loss of 5 wickets, when stumps were drawn.

YACHT CLUB RACES.

The starting time for Saturday next will be as under, and not as previously notified:—

Lamington Cup 3 p.m.
1st Challenge Cup Race 2-45 p.m.
B class Handicap 2-50 p.m.
C Class Handicap 2-55 p.m.
D class Handicap 3-15 p.m.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, Jan 24.

35 Detail for the week ending Saturday the 25th Instant.
To-day Friday the 24th—All Recruits of the current season will parade at Head-Quarters at 7 p m.
36 Enrolment.—The undermamed having been enrolled is taken on the strength of the Corps and posted to "A" Company:—
No 6230 Vol M Favel.

A. L. CARTWRIGHT, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL COMMANDING, B. V. A.

Bombay, Jan. 24.

393 PARADE FOR SATORDAY THE 25TH.

No 1 Company—
6th B L Gun Drill at Middle Ground Fort parade at B V A Club, at 5 p m
Dress—Khaki and Caps.
No 2 Company
6th B L Gun Drill at Mahalaxmi, at 5 p m
Dress—Khaki and Caps.

3 4 RANGE.

The British Infantry Range at Colaba will be available for class Firing and Spoon Competitions on Sunday next the 26th Instant Firing to Commence at 9 a m.

395 REGTL. MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Regimental Committee at the B V A Club on Monday next the 27th instant at 6-45 p. m.

R. W. FISHER, Lieut.,
Adjt., B. V. A.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, Jan. 24.

1 There will be a Parade for all members at Church Gate Station on Tuesday the 28th instant at 7-30 a m.
Dress—Drill Order, Khaki.
2 There will be a drill at Santa Cruz for members residing in that neighbourhood on Wednesday the 29th Instant at 7 am.
Dress—Drill Order, Khaki.
3 It is notified for information that the Annual Camp will open at Santa Cruz on Wednesday the 4th March and close with the Annual Inspection by the General Officer Commanding on Wednesday the 18th March.

T. W CUFFE, Major.,
Comdg. B L. H.

It is claimed for Miss Sarah Bramley, of Nottingham, that she is one of the oldest women alive. Born in Nottingham in 1799, she entered Nottingham Workhouse forty-four years ago, when sixty-four. She can still see to read without the aid of glasses. Up to three months ago she enjoyed comparatively good health, but is now seriously ill.

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THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, JANUARY 22.

The disturbed conditions in the north-west of India resulted in snow and rain in the north-west of Baluchistan, Kashmir and West Himalayas, and light rain in the submontane district and north-west Punjab.

The depression in the extreme north appears passing Eastward towards Tibet, while the low pressure conditions over the Mekran Coast is disappearing.

In Burma the skies are lightly clouded in the northern half of the Province and almost clear in the south. Humidity and temperature are normal.

In the north-east of India and Orissa the skies are free from cloud. The air is damper than usual in Chota Nagpur and Bihar and contains average amount of moisture while the temperature is in defect everywhere but Bihar, the only part of the division where the deficiency is large.

In the United Provinces, Central India and the Central Provinces the skies are clear, except on the extreme north-west of the United Provinces. Humidity is in excess in the United Provinces and in East Central India and in defect in the rest of the division. The temperature is in defect in the United Provinces and to the south-east of the Central Provinces but normal elsewhere.

In the north-west of India the disturbance has given precipitation in Baluchistan and in the extreme north of India. Minmarg records 1½ inches Sonemarg 4, and Dras Murre and Chaman ½ inch. The skies are clear or lightly clouded in Rajputana and Gujarat and moderately to heavily overcast elsewhere. The moisture in the air is equal to or above the average while the temperature has fallen in Baluchistan, but is still in general excess in the whole of the north-west of India.

In the Penisula the skies are clear except for light cloud in the south-east. Humidity is normal or in defect and the temperature is nearly normal.

Forecast—Further precipitation is likely in the extreme north of India.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 23RD JANUARY.

Amritsar.—Weather unsettled. Wheat and rape-seed doing well. Crop prospects generally good.

Hansi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Expect improvement in crops owing to seasonable weather. Crop prospects improving.

Delhi.—Mornings cold and dewy. Wheat flourishing.

Agra.—Mornings cold and dewy Rabi Crop prospects generally good.

Cawnpore.—Mornings cold and dewy All crops doing well.

Bewar.—Cloudy, but no rain. Wheat flourishing

Amraoti.—Seasonable. Wheat flourishing.

Dhulia.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton crop accounts unfavourable. Wheat doing well.

Broach.—Weather bright. Cotton plants flourishing in flower and showing bolls. Cotton picking partially begun and arriving in small quantities.

Viramgam.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants showing bolls.

Wadhwan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening. Cotton ready for picking in some places. Expect improvement in crops owing to seasonable weather.

Dholera.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants showing bolls. Cotton healthy.

Barsi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Crop accounts unfavourable.

Sholapur.—Cloudy, but no rain. Rain much need generally.

Hubli.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants showing bolls. Cotton crop accounts satisfactory. Crop prospects generally good.

Bellary.—Bright no sign of rain. Cotton plants ready for picking.

STANDARD BAROMETER READINGS.

The reading of the barometer at the Colaba Observatory corrected for index error and reduced to 32 deg. F. and for Calcutta standard at 8 a.m. (local time) on the 23rd January was 30·052. The height of tide in the stream above zero of the tide gauge at Apollo Bunder was 7ft. at 8 a.m. (local time). The temperature correction for a mercurial barometer supposing the reading to be 30·00 and that of attached thermometer 80 deg. F. will be 14 and this will be higher or lower by ·01 for each 4 deh. In the case of aneroid no temperature correction is required. Should the height of barometer cistern, either mercurial or aneroid, above zero of tide gauge be different from 47 feet it will read higher or lower by ·01 for each 11 feet. The readings given above are distinct from those given in the daily weather report to which different corrections have been applied.

BOMBAY DAILY WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 23RD JANUARY 1908.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Thursday, the 23rd January, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

Punjab.—Rain in light showers has fallen at Rawalpindi. The sky is overcast at Rawalpindi and lightly or moderately clouded in most other places. Calms and north-easterly or south-easterly winds prevail generally. Day temperature had been about normal at Ambala and 1° to 11° cooler elsewhere. During night, temperature was 4° cooler at Delhi and 6° to 14° hotter in other places. The air is slightly drier than usual at Rawalpindi and more or less damp elsewhere.

United Provinces.—The sky is overcast at Mainpuri and lightly or moderately clouded at Jhansi and Allahabad. Wind is south-westerly at Mainpuri and northerly at Cawnpore while calm was recorded elsewhere. During day, temperature had been as much as from 4° to 20° cooler than usual throughout the district. During night weather was 1° to 6° cooler than usual. Humidity has been in defect of normal at Mainpuri and considerably in excess elsewhere.

Sind and Rajputana.—The sky is heavily overcast or nearly so in Sind and is moderately clouded at Ajmer and Jaipur. The air has become damper than usual throughout these districts. Calms and north-easterly winds prevail generally. Weather both during day and night had been hotter than usual in most places.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are almost free from cloud and the moisture in the air is more than usual at Bhuj, Surat, Veraval and Deesa and generally less than it in other places. Winds are north-westerly at Dwarka and Bhavnagar Para while calms and easterly or north-easterly breezes prevail elsewhere. Yesterday's maximum had been nearly equal to normal at Veraval and 4° to 10° higher than usual elsewhere. In Central India West, night temperature had been about normal or 2° cooler while in Gujarat and Kathiawar it was 1° to 4° hotter.

Central Provinces.—Skies are almost free from cloud and humidity has been in excess of normal at Saugor and generally in defect elsewhere. Winds are blowing from north-westerly direction at Raipur from westerly or south-westerly direction at Chanda and Nagpur and from easterly or north-easterly direction at Akola and Amraoti. Calm was recorded at the remaining stations. Day temperature had been about normal at Jubbulpore and Raipur, 1° cooler at Chanda and 1° to 5° hotter in other places. At night, temperature was 2° warmer at Amraoti and 2° to 9° cooler elsewhere.

Konkan.—Skies are clear while the amount of moisture in the air is in defect of normal at Bombay and enerally in excess elsewhere. Calms and easterly or north-easterly winds prevail generally. Maximum temperature had been 1° to 2° in defect of normal at Mormugao and Karwar and 4° to 5° in excess at Bombay and Ratnagiri. During night, temperature was about normal or 1° to 3° cooler throughout the district.

Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are altogether free from cloud and the air has become slightly damper at Sholapur and more or less dry in other places. Calms and north-easterly or south-easterly winds prevail generally. Temperature conditions have been approximately normal.

General Remarks.—Weather in Sind and the Punjab is still in a slightly unsettled condition. Elsewhere it continues fine and settled.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorologist, Bombay.

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BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Bombay "Government Gazette," January 23, 1908.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr K R Bahmanji, on return to duty, to be Agent for the Mewasi Estates, West Khandesh.

Mr Mahomed Sikandar Khan Fatteh Khan, Deputy Superintendent of Police, is granted privilege leave for three months with effect from the 20th December.

Mr Jehangir Edalji Modi, First Class Subordinate Judge Surat, is granted six weeks' leave on medical certificate with effect from the 16th December.

Mr Pattatraya Ganesh Medhekar, Joint Second Class Subordinate Judge, Surat, is granted privilege leave on half pay for two months and twenty-five days with effect from the 15th January.

Mr Anant Krishna Agundi, B A, L L B passed on the 6th January an examination in Marathi according to the Higher Standard.

Mr Ishwarlal Maganlal, Acting Aval Karkun of taluka Dholka in the district of Ahmedabad, is appointed to be a Magistrate of the Second Class in that district.

Mr P J Talyarkhan, B A, L L B to be an Additional Sessions Judge in the Ratnagiri Sessions Division, and to try such cases as the Sessions Judge of Ratnagiri may make over to him for trial.

Mr Maganlal Ghelabhai Mehta, B A, L L B, Acting Second Class, Fourth Grade, Subordinate Judge, Khed, to be Second Class, Fourth Grade, Subordinate Judge.

Mr Parmodrai Gulabari Munshi, Aval Karkun and Third Class Magistrate, Taluka Dohad in the District of Panch Mahals is appointed, to be a Magistrate of the Second Class in that district.

Mr K R Bahmanji, on return to duty, to be Collector of West Khandesh and to be Member and President of the Local Board established for the West Khandesh District.

Mr J Ghosal, I C S, on relief, to be Assistant Collector, Surat.

Mr Keshavrao Balkrishna Wasudeo, B A, L L B, Probationary Deputy Collector, Thana, passed with credit the Lower Standard Departmental Examination of 19th December.

Mr Keshavlal Harshadrai Dhruva, B A, Head Master, Broach High School, to act as Head Master, Ahmedabad High School, vice Mr Kharshodji Nasarvanji Contractor, B A, or pending further orders.

Mr Nathabhai Narottamdas Choksi, B A, L L B, is admitted as a Vakil of the High Court.

Mr Kaikhosru Navroji Dhalla, B A, L L B, is admitted as a Vakil of the High Court.

BY THE COMMISSIONERS.

Mr J E C Jukes, I C S, delivered over and Mr R G Gordon, I C S, received charge of the office of Superintendent, Land Records and Registration, Northern Division, on the 9th January.

Mr Ishwarlal Maganlal, Aval Karkun, Dholka, is appointed to act as Mamlatdar of that taluka during the absence of Mr. Chhaganlal Harilal on one month's privileilege leave or pending further orders.

Mr E H Waterfield, I C S, Special Officer, Salsette Building Sites, is granted privilege leave for one month from the 21st January or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Mr Dalsukhbhai Bhagubhai Javeri, Deputy Accountant and acting Head Accountant, Ahmedabad, is appointed Fourth Grade Head Accountant, Ahmedabad, vice Mr. Amritlal Tribhovandas Patel, promoted to the Third Grade.

Consequent on the death of Mr Raghvendia Jayacharya Kuknur, who was Third Grade Head Accountant, West Khandesh, but was doing duty at Belgaum, Mr Amritlal Tribhvandas Patil is appointed Third Grade Head Accountant, West Khandesh, but should continue to do duty at Broach pending further orders.

Mr R M Maxwell, I C S, to be President oft he Taluka Local Boards of Kumta, Honavar, Siddapur and Sirsi in the Kanara Dist, vice Rao Bahadur V D Yennemadi, resigned.

Rao Bahadur V D Yennemadi to be President of the Taluka Local Boards of Karwar, Ankola, Yellapur and Haliyal in the Kanara Dist, vice Mr R M Maxwell, I C S, resigned.

Mr Narayan Govind Chandorkar to be President of the Taluka Local Boards of Pandharpur, Sangola and Malsiras in the Sholapur Dist, vice Mr Vishnu Raghunath Kelkar, resigned.

Mr C S F Crofton, I C S, to be President of the Taluka Local Boards of Akola, Ahmednagar, Rahuri and Sangamner in the Ahmednagar Dist, vice Mr. W. Greer, I C S, resigned.

Mr W Greer, I C S, to be President of the Taluka Local Boards of Shevgaon, Nevasa and Kopargaon in the Ahmednagar Dist, vice Mr Vinayak Krishna Namjoshi, resigned.

Mr C W A Turner, I C S, to be President of the Taluka Local Boards of Sholapur, Barsi, Madha and Karmala in the Sholapur, Dist, vice Mr O Rothfold, I C S, resigned.

BY THE COMMISSIONERS.

Mr Eduji Byramsha Hodiwalla is appointed to be a nominated Councillor of the Municipal Board of Gogha in the Ahmedabad Dist vice Mr Gopalji Gulabhai Desai, resigned.

The election of the following gentlemen as Vice-Presidents of the Taluka Local Boards in the Nasik Dist mentioned against their names for the triennial term commencing from the 1st October is approved:—

Mr Ganesh Hari Hardikar, B A, LL B, Nasik, Mr Hari Pandurang Deshmukh, Mamlatdar, Sinnar, Mr Shaikh Ibrahim Bapubhai, Mamlatdar, Igatpuri, Mr Shivram Sadashiv Pitambare, Mamlatdar, Dindori, Mr Keshav Babaji Shetphalkar, Mamlatdar, Niphad, Mr Shantaram Purshottam Kulkarni, Mamlatdar, Chandor, Mr Bhaskar Raoji Dixit, Mamlatdar, Yeola, Mr Rao Bahadur Krishnarao Jairam Gupte, Malegaon, Mr Shankar Ganesh Bhadbhade, Mamlatdar, Baglan, Mr Narayan Shridhar Pusalkar, Mamlatdar, Kalvan.

The election of Mr Lakshman Bagaji Goge, Mamlatdar as Vice President of the Taluka Local Board of Peint in the Nasik Dist is approved.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

BURMA RICE-CROP.

Summary of the Rice-crop Forecast for the month of December 1907. On an average of the five years ending 1905-06 the area under rice in the territory to which this forecast relates has represented some 9·8 per cent. of the total area under rice in British India:—

The area under rice cultivation in the fifteen principal rice producing districts is now reported to be 7,307,475 acres, or in increase of 11,511 acres over last month's figures. The increases appear in the Pegu and Toungoo districts. The total fallow area now stands at 490,916, acres, a figure slightly below last month's total. The area destroyed by floods has slightly increased and now totals 68,409 acres. Changes from last month's estimated outturn per acre are unimportant except in Thaton, where the Deputy Commissioner has raised his estimate considerably on figures obtained from crop measurements. The estimate for the whole area under report has, however, only risen one per cent. and now stands at 98. The grain appears to be threshing out well and should be heavy. The surplus available for export is now estimated at 2,518,000 tons of cargo rice equivalent to 42,677,956 cwts. of white rice.

In view of the account of the use of a snake stone on a visitor to Ceylon who had been bitten, the following narrative of the operations of a snake-charmer in Ceylon, contained in a note from Mr Reyne, of the department of public works, is of interest:—"A snake-charmer came to my bungalow in 1854, requesting me to allow him to show me his snakes dancing. As I had frequently seen them, I told him I would give him a rupee if he would accompany me to the jungle, and catch a cobra, that I knew frequented the place. He was willing, and as I was anxious to test the truth of the charm, I counted his tame snakes, and put a watch over them until I returned with him. Before going I examined the man, and satisfied myself he had no snake about his person. When we arrived at the spot he played on a small pipe, and after persevering for some time out came a large cobra from an ant hill, which I knew it occupied. On seeing the man it tried to escape, but he caught it by the tail and kept swinging it round until we reached the bungalow. He then made it dance, but before long it bit him above the knee. He immediately bandaged the leg above the bite, and applied a snake-stone to the wound to extract the poison. He was in great pain for a few minutes, but after that it gradually went away, the stone falling off just before he was relieved. When he recovered he held a cloth up, which the snake flew at, and caught its fangs in it; while in that position, the man passed his hand up its back, and having seized it by the throat he extracted the fangs in my presence and gave them to me. He then squeezed out the poison on to a leaf. It was a clear oily substance, and when rubbed on the hand produced a fine lather. I carefully watched the whole operation, which was also witnessed by my clerk and two or three other persons. Colombo, 13th Jan., 1860.—H. E. Reyne."

The General Officer Commanding, in Mandalay Brigade Orders, in bidding farewell to the 72nd Punjabis, on their approaching departure to Rangoon, refers to the Regiment as bearing a high reputation, which during his recent inspection it had fully maintained. It was, he said, both a pleasure and a privilege to inspect so well trained and keen a Battalion. He felt sure that the Regiment would continue to merit the high praise which it had earned from his predecessors and himself in the Brigade.

BY THE WAY.

IRVING MEMORIES.

Some interestingly candid reflections on the late Sir Henry Irving by his artistic partner for so many years, Miss Ellen Terry, are published in the American "McClure's Magazine" for December. "I of all people," writes Miss Terry, "can perhaps appreciate Henry Irving least justly, although I was his associate on the stage for a quarter of a century, and was on terms of the closest friendship with him for almost as long a time. . . . He had precisely the qualities I never find likable. . . . All his faults sprang from egotism, which is, after all, only another name for greatness. . . . So much absorbed was he in his own achievement that he was unable or unwilling to appreciate the achievement of others. I never heard him speak in high terms of the great foreign actors and actresses who from time to time visited England. It would be easy to attribute this to jealousy, but the easy explanation is not the true one. He simply would not give himself up to appreciation. Perhaps appreciation is a wasting though a generous quality of the mind and heart, and best left to lookers-on who have plenty of time to develop it."

TERRY ON BERNHARDT.

As the years went on Irving grew very much attached to Sarah Bernhardt, and admired her as a collegue whose managerial work in the theatre was as dignified as his own; but (adds Miss Terry) "of her superb powers as an actress I don't believe he ever had a glimmering notion! Perhaps it is not true, but as I believe it to be true I may as well state it: It was never any pleasure to him to see the acting of other actors and actresses. Salvini's Othello I know he thought magnificent, but he would not speak of it." Miss Terry generously lays stress on her own difference of temperament as limiting her appreciation of Irving. "He always put the theatre first. He lived in it, he died in it. He had none of my bourgeois qualities—the love of being in love, the love of a home, the dislike of solitude. I have always thought it had to find my inferiors; he was sure of his high place. In some ways he was far simpler than I. He would talk, for instance, in such an ignorant way to painters and musicians that I blushed for him. But was not my blush far more unworthy than his freedom from all pretentiousness in matters of art? He never pretended." Miss Terry is anxious not to be misunderstood. "What I have written I have written merely to indicate the qualities in Henry Irving's nature which were unintelligible to me, perhaps because I have always been more woman than artist."

OLD CALENDARS.

The distracting variety of almanacs and calendars which force themselves on our notice at this season makes it difficult to realise how badly off the ordinary man was for obtaining accurate chronological information before the discovery of printing from movable types. The clergy had, of course, in many instances manuscript calendars prefixed to the various servicebooks of the Church. To mitigate to some extent this inconvenient uncertainty of dates, the clog almanac, as it is usually called, was frequently used. This rude calendar was formed of a piece of wood some inches long, on whose four sides were rudely incised the months of the year and the feast-days of the saints. Often the proportion of day and night for each month was also given. Sometimes a more ambitious form of the calendar made of wooden tablets attached together in book form may be met with. On them are found a dial of the dominical letter and golden number and other information wanting in the more primitive form. One of the tablet calendars, dating from the fourteenth century, was acquired by the Bibliotheque Nationale some twenty-five years ago, and is counted among the more precious treasures of the Department of Manuscripts.

A CRITICAL SCOT.

A Scotsman who "(as he tellsus) is making a collection of English jokes, with a view to getting as many as possible into his head at one and the same surgical operation, sends us the following, cautiously abstaining from comment lest he should betray the national deficiency:—Overheard in a London literary circle, in the neighbourhood of a well-known bookwriter and American from Boston—that unhappy city where "there are not a dozen men who could have written the plays of Shakspere:" "If I were to give up book-writing and return to journalism, d'you know what I should do? I should get on a motor-bus every day, and stick to it until it had a breakdown. I should then stand by and listen to the remarks of the cabbies. Oh, their humour is delicious, exquisite it is never seen in print we have nothing like it in 'Punch,' You would never stop laughing. I just sat down at Hyde Park Corner the other day and heard them at it. The smartest sang, as he drove past the breakdown: 'Ome, 'ome,' ome, sweet ome, there's no place like 'ome there's no place like 'ome.' One of our greatest humourists is George R. Sims. I dined with him the other day, and there was a doctor with us. Quite suddenly the doctor said, George if you swallow your food without chewing it you will have indigestion. Without a moment's reflection George said, Yes doctor 'it is a little inchewdicious, isn't it?' That is how he has made his immense reputation." Our Scottish correspondent adds an abrupt and obscure appeal for help.

AN ANCIENT CUSTOM.

The welcoming of the New Year and the giving of presents as omens of success dates back to the Romans, and in spite of the opposition of the church several centuries ago has survived to own day. Hundreds of intelligent folk cling most persistently to the idea that their fortune during the opening year will be influenced by the complexion of the first person who enters the house after twelve o'clock had struck. In Lancashire, and in Ireland, dark-haired men are supposed to favour good fortune; but in many other districts light-complexioned men are regarded with favour. In Northumberland light-haired and flat footed men are preferred, but further north, in Fife, the man with red heir and a flat-foot is avoided. In many cases the fact of being first to enter the house on New Year's morning is deemed to be sufficient, but in other districts to enter in the house empty-handed is regarded as unlucky. In some northern districts the first-footer must bring with him a cob of coal, a peace of iron, and a bottle of spirits; and it is his privilege to give each woman in the house a kiss, and at the same time a glass of spirits to each man. Formerly the wassail bowl was carried round to friends' houses, sometimes by man and sometimes by groups of girls. In those days the cry of "Wassail" was heard throughout the land, rich and poor alike joining in the celebration. The monarch and the peasent offered and received presants. Queen Elizabeth received many such offerings, and on occasion at least the presents included caskets studded with gems, necklaces, bracelets, gowns, mantles, smocks, petticoats, mirrors, fans, and a pair of black silk stockings knitted by Mrs. Montague.

THE DRUCE CASE IN CHURCH.

Some surprise has been expressed that the Consistory Court which granted the faculty for opening the Druce grave should have been held in the sacred precincts of a cathedral. At one time, however the place for holding the court was fitted up within the nave of every cathedral church, for the most part on the left-hand side of the western entrance, the court itself being presided over by the bishop or his vicar general. The work of these courts consists nowadays chiefly in dealing with applications for the alteration of ecclesiastical buildings or the insertion of memorial windows or tablets. Formerly they had jurisdiction over all cases connected with marriage, divorce, and wills. They are in the lio of descent from the Consistory Courts of the Roman Catholic Church, which were copied from the College of Councillors of the Roman Emperors, who sat together (consistere) in order to determine the cases which were brought before the Emperor.

AURELIAN'S WALL.

If it is really found necessary to destroy Aurelian's wall at Rome, by far the most splendid of the old fortifications will disappear. The City of the Seven Hills was fortified seven times in history—by the first King in the dim legendary past, by Servius Tullius, Aurelian, Honorius, Leo II., Urban VIII., and the Italian Government. The Emperor Aurelian built his great wall, of which some fine pieces remain, in the third century, as a protection against barbarian invaders. Gibbon speaks of the wall as "a great but melancholy labour, since the defence of the capital betrayed the decline of the monarchy." Just before its erection the Emperor had driven back the Goths, who had advanced nearly to the gates of Rome. The Goths were never able afterwards to destroy the wall, and it lasted almost uninjured through the storms of the Middle Ages.

A HURRIED ERECTION.

Interesting evidences of the haste with which Aurelian's wall was built have been found by modern investigators. In 1892 a house of the first century was found embedded in the wall. The house evidently stood in the line of the wall, and the engineers, instead of pulling it down simply filled up the space between the walls of the rooms and built their wall over the house. There were thus preserved for the curiosity of after ages the marble stairs, lintels, thresholds, and frescoes of the ancient dwelling. The wall was frequently restored, notably by Theodoric and Belisarius in the sixth century, and by Popes in the eighth and ninth centuries. The most perfect piece of it is near the ugly modern suburb which occ

GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

THE MAGIC WORD.

It is, of course, to Diabolo. As a game, it came as a boon and a blessing to the toy seller. As a word, it came as a boon and a blessing to the pantomime comedian. It was the one thing wanted to make the success of the 1907-8 pantomime complete. And it came—and only just in time. Oh, yes; we all know it arrived early in the summer, but that was none too soon for a pantomime wheeze-word, which has no power at the theatres in December, January, and February, unless it has been the pet of the people from May to November. Had it been born to us in November, or even in October, it would not have taken its place at the head of the pantomime's attractions until the festive season of 1908-9. But a simpathetic providence was watching over the Grand Spectacular Industry of 1907-8; it recognised that the world had no further use for "What ho, she bumps" and "Not'arf," and that there would be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, real and false, unless something equally illuminating could be put into the market; and it came to the rescue with Diabolo. And still there are people who will tell you, without a blush, that the year of 1907 has been a disastrous one! Alas, for the attitude of Christian gratitude under the sun!

A MARVELLOUS DISCOVERY

The other night I was at a pantomime—it would be ungracious of me to reveal its name and address—which might have been voted the neatest thing in failures ever seen (leaving spectacular magnificence out of the question) if it had not been for Diabolo. When nervousness caused the Principal Girl to "dry up," the Principal Boy siad, "Diabolo," and the house rocked. When it came the turn of the Principal Boy to have stage fright the leading comedian said, "Diabolo," and the house rocked again. In the same way the assistant comedian came to the rescue of the leading comedian, so that by the time the pantomime was half an hour old it had become the settled habit of the entire cast (excluding the corps de ballet and the prompter) to lean with happy trustfulness upon the golden principle, "When in doubt, say 'Diabolo,'" The scheme worked admirably—it was a huge success from start to finish. If there were any aspiring Juliets present in the auditorium or on the stage, they must have made up their minds, before the performance was half over, to one thing with regard to prospective balcony scenes in Shakespeare's romantic tragedy—they must have determined then and there that their Juliets would see Stratford-on-Avon blowed before they asked the silly question, "What's in a name?"

THE DRURY LANE EFFORT.

Quite as good, in every respect, as anything that has gone before (but obviously not been lost) in the way of Drury Lane pantomime, is Mr. Arthur Collins's production. "The Babes in the Wood." There are some who will say that it beats the Drury Lane record, but I consider I am paying the Lane compliment enough when I write it down that "The Babes in the Wood" is well up to the standard of last Christmas's "Sindbad the Sailor." If it would not be churlish of me to be so truthful in the Christmas holidays, I would like to put it on the historical register, in the face of the whole Press of England, that "The Babes in the Wood" has not beaten the Drury Lane record, and that it did "not" go without a hitch. Most of us have suffered by the calamities of 1907. They took much from us, certainly, but they left us our memory—wherefore it would be wastefully exposing my reputation to unpleasant risks, were I to say that the present Drury Lane pantomime was better than the last. A year is too small a space for all who were at Drury Lane on December 26, 1906, to have died in, or to have given up reading the newspapers; otherwise I might be persuaded to oblige tradition by telling the usual wicked story about records and hitches. As it is, I refuse. I leave the responsibility to my betters, who are powerful enough to risk anything. I will not begin the New Year with an offence against Washington. Mr. Collin's "Sindbad the Sailor" was simply perfect, and that is precisely what "The Babes in the Wood" is. There; I have said it, and if the consequences are not likely to be very serious, I intend bearing them like a man.

SOME GOOD PARTS.

The scenery and dresses and general effects of Drury Lane may be dismissed with one word—superb. The players may not, because they are human, and might resent such unceremonious treatment. Besides, there are some in "The Babes in the Wood" who would feel that their legs were being pulled if they were called superb. A pleasing feature of the pantomime is the success attending Mr. Harry Fragson's efforts to be funny. As the French governess to the Babes he is delightful. Last year, as an Emperor of somewhere or another he was dismal. It was not his fault; he had a part which seemed as if it had been thrown in at the eleventh hour, when all the funny lines had been given away to the others. He strode sorrowfully about the stage for half of the pantomime, waiting for his piano, and when he had sung a song or two at it, and played up to one of Mr. Tom Costello's old London Pavilion "spoof" scenes with a young lady in a private box, there was nothing left for him to do but a lot more sorrowful striding, which he bravely did to the bitter end (if the end of a pantomime is bitter), to the utter astonishment of a number of ladies and gentlemen (myself included among the latter), who had been led to expect something wonderful. This year Mr. Harry Fragson has an excellent part, and in it he is a host, or a hostess, in himself—or he would be if there were not others. As the Babes, Reggie and Cissie, Mr. Walter Passmore and Miss Marie George, two first favourites of Drury Lane pantomime, are as fresh and bright as the new money from the Mint. Miss George's dancing is charming—as charming as Miss Madge Vincent's Maid Marian, which is saying dictionaries, or as Miss Agnes Fraser's Robin Hood, which is saying encyclopædias (revolving bookcase and all); and a hearty word of welcome is due to Mr. Neil Kenyon, who has come to us from "Caledonia stern and wild," pausing on the stages of the London music-halls on the way, to play a Scotch Baroness. He has a lot of original humour, and no original vulgarity. The part of the story which deals with Robin Hood and his merry men has been approached by Mr. J. Hickory Wood and Mr. Arthur Collins in quite the romantic comedy spirit. Indeed, these pretty Robin Hood intervals are so free from the usual pantomime tomfoolery that Mr. Lewis Waller himself might be their Duval of the forest without hurt to his reputation.

THE LYCEUM PANTOMIME.

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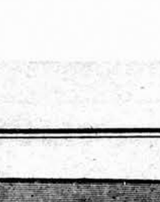

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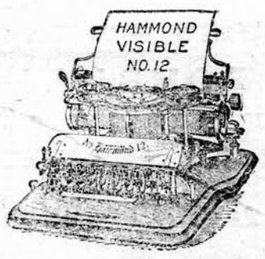

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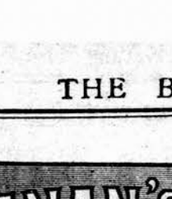

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Abdul Rahim Salleh Mahomed.....Plaintiff
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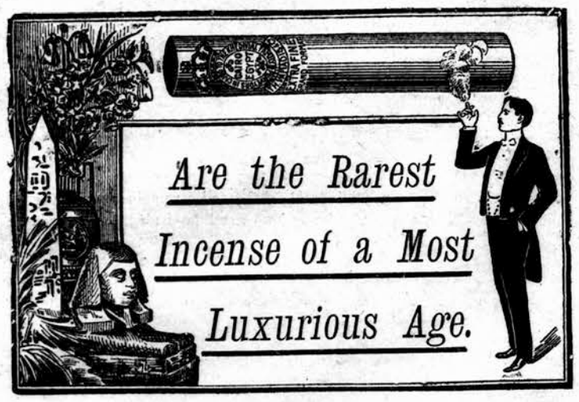

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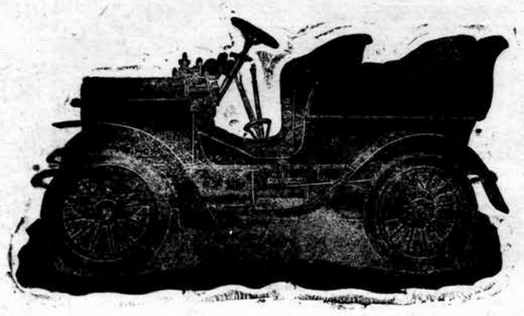

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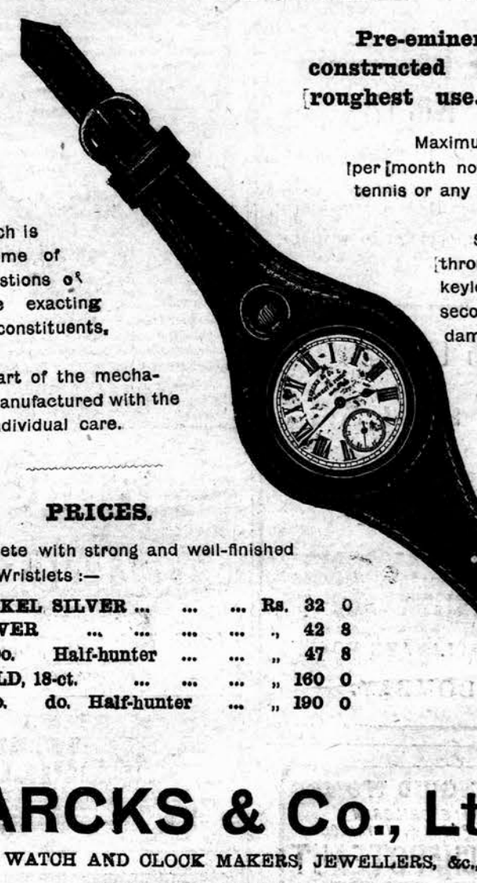

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